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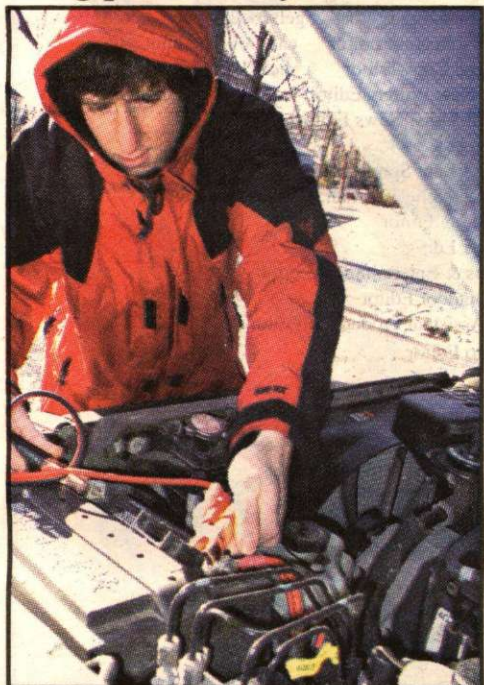


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**Junior Bryan Reese tries to start his car
after yet another bitter cold night.**

Family and friends gather to remember UMD student

By Kathleen Grigg
Statesman Staff Reporter

Joe Hartmann, a senior engineering major, died last February after being hit by a vehicle when walking across I-35. This weekend, friends and family will gather near the Twin Cities to remember his life.

Lindsey DeGoey, alumni, hopes the memorial becomes a tradition.

Hartmann's group of friends have a close bond that started their freshman year, she said. They traveled together over spring breaks and hung out the rest of the time.

"It was weird how we automatically got along," she said.

It was hard for DeGoey to see her friends as pallbearers last February. Following the funeral service, everyone went out to the gravesite.

After the others had gone inside for lunch, the 40 college friends stayed out by his casket. It was silent.

"It was so cold, but nobody wanted to go inside," DeGoey said. "Nobody wanted to leave from where they

were standing because we were all together for the last time."

J.T. Thiel, Bob Pete, Nate Holland and Brett Nelson were Hartmann's roommates at the time.

Thiel said it felt like there was a hole in their house and everybody coped by being together.

"It's not like everybody was at home just sitting on the couch by themselves thinking about him," Thiel said. "There was always stuff to keep us busy and kind of gradually get used to the fact that he's gone."

The roommates played on intramural basketball and flag football teams. They were on a co-rec football team that semester.

"He always had quite a few picks, and I think we were missing that in our defense when he was gone," said Thiel.

One time, Hartmann, Thiel, Pete, Nelson and former roommate Chad Weber decided to build a toboggan out of beer cases, two-by-fours and a piece of plastic. They took it out to

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COURTESY
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UMD student faces charges

By Sarah Doty
Statesman Staff Reporter

Last Friday a UMD freshman student made his first court appearance on felony charges of dissemination of pornography and possession of pornographic work involving minors, said Lt. Anne Peterson.

Michael Thomas Birk, 19, of Owatonna, Minn., could face jail time if convicted, according to the Minnesota 2006 Statutes.

He was living on-campus when the UMD Police executed a search warrant in October of last year, according to the police report.

The UMD Police Department had received a tip in September of last year from Detective Rob Kniefel of Owatonna. He had been in contact with Detective James McLaughlin of the Keene, New Hampshire Police Department, who had conducted an Internet investigation where he posed as a 14-year-old boy, according to the report.

McLaughlin found Birk's profile on Myspace and had made contact with Birk through Yahoo instant messenger, the report said.

Online, Birk posed as a

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CHILDREN LEFT OUT IN THE COLD

DULUTH, Minn. (AP) — A Duluth woman who left her two young children in a parked car while temperatures were well below zero won't be charged with child endangerment, authorities said.

Police said the woman left a 14-month-old boy and a 3-year-old boy in the car for about a half-hour Saturday after the vehicle wouldn't start. The outside temperature was about 20 degrees below zero, and the youngest boy had early signs of frostbite on his finger tips when he was treated later at a hospital.

The children were taken from their mother, then returned Sunday, Deputy Police Chief John Beyer said.

"Was it potentially some poor parenting? Probably," he said. "But she was distracted and once she noticed something was wrong she brought them in and sought medical attention. If this had happened two weeks ago when it was 32 above it would have been a non-issue."

MURDERS IN WASECA, MINN.

WASECA, Minn. (AP) — A Matawan man charged Monday with killing a father and his son and injuring the mother of the family said the slayings were accidental and happened after he was confronted by the father, who he said was wielding a shotgun.

Michael S. Zabawa, 24, was charged in Waseca County District Court with two counts of second-degree intentional murder. Bail was set at \$2 million.

Zabawa is accused of breaking into the rural Waseca home of Tracy and Hilary Kruger early Saturday morning and killing Tracy Kruger, 40, and his son, Alec, 13. Hilary Kruger, 41, was wounded in the upper torso and remained in critical condition Monday afternoon at a Twin Cities hospital.

He said the gun accidentally discharged and wounded Hilary Kruger and then went off again, after he dropped it to flee striking Alec.

WALMART CORP. FACES LAWSUIT

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — A federal appeals court ruled Tuesday that Wal-Mart Stores Inc., the world's largest private employer, must face a class-action lawsuit alleging female employees were discriminated against in pay and promotions.

The ruling by the 9th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals upholds a 2004 federal judge's decision to let the nation's largest class-action employment discrimination lawsuit go to trial. The suit claims that as many as 1.5 million current and former female employees earned less than men and were bypassed for promotions.

The lawsuit exposes the Bentonville, Ark.-based retailing powerhouse to the possibility of billions of dollars in damages.

Wal-Mart claimed that the conventional rules of class actions should not apply in the case because its 3,400 stores, including Sam's Club warehouse outlets, operate like independent businesses, and that the company did not have a policy of discriminating against women.

But the court, in a 2-1 decision, disagreed.

U.S. District Judge Martin Jenkins, the San Francisco trial court judge who said the case could proceed, had ruled that lawyers for the women had enough anecdotal evidence to warrant a class-action trial. Wal-Mart took the case to the San Francisco-based appeals court.

Jenkins said if company-wide gender discrimination is proven at trial, Wal-Mart could be forced to pay billions of dollars to women who earned less than their male counterparts, with no opportunity to dispute their individual circumstances.

Wal-Mart, in seeking dismissal of the case, called that an unprecedented denial of its rights. Wal-Mart said women who allege they were discriminated against can file lawsuits against individual stores. The women's lawyers said the idea was ridiculous, and would clog the federal judiciary.

ITALY'S SOCCER VIOLENCE KILLS

ROME (AP) — A World Cup victory few expected. A corruption scandal that disgraced some of Italy's most famous clubs. And now, the death of a police officer during riots by Sicilian soccer fans.

The past year has been gripping a nation where team allegiances are a reflection of ancient loyalties that pit town against town. Passions have defied long attempts by the government and police to bring violence under control.

Filippo Raciti's death during clashes at the Catania-Palermo game Friday evening, which prompted the cancellation of the rest of the weekend's matches, has shocked a nation where soccer is part of the fabric of life, to many nothing short of religion.

"Let's not hide the fact that it is not only a game," said La Repubblica in a recent front-page editorial. "This game nurtured dreams. Now it provokes nightmares."

Italy has three national sports dailies that are almost entirely devoted to soccer. Most other sports typically receive little, if any, TV coverage. Day in and day out, countless radio and TV shows from national broadcasters to small local stations discuss in great detail team news, refereeing decisions and soccer policy.

England was long notorious as the home of the soccer hooligan, but CCTV cameras, tougher policing and higher ticket prices have tamed stadium violence. Now Italy, France and the Netherlands are becoming known as the European countries where the worst soccer violence takes place.

Premier Romano Prodi vows radical changes. A soccer official even suggested bringing the league to a halt for a whole year. But some say it's the very mentality of Italians that needs change.

Being a soccer fan in Italy is for many a way of expressing allegiance to one's home town. And in a land that was once a collection of city-states engaged in constant fighting, emotions can run high.

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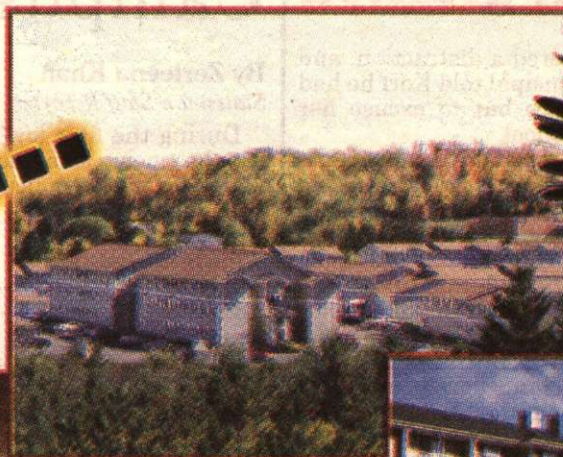
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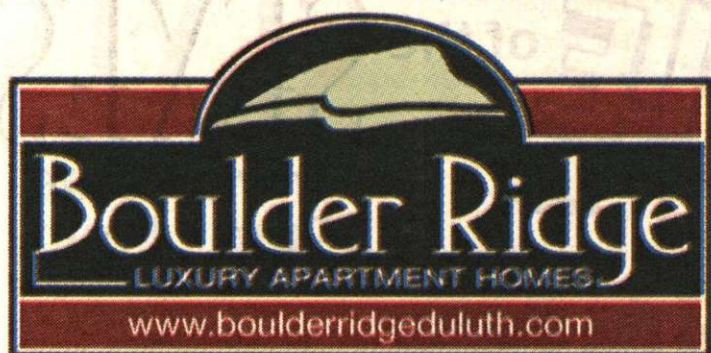
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80-year-old wish granted

FORT DODGE, Kan. (AP) — For Virginia Korf's 80th birthday, her family went to great lengths to give her what World War II had denied her: an honorary diploma marking her place in Ingalls High School's Class of 1945.

There was even a graduation ceremony at the school's gym Saturday, complete with a cap and gown.

A good student, Korf was expelled in March 1945, just a few months from graduation, because she was pregnant.

The previous August she had married Jim Korf, a recent Ingalls High School graduate prepping for a stint in the U.S. Army. It was a common scenario in 1944 as World War II raged and young men were being called to the military in droves.

"Seventeen- and 18-year-olds marrying was nothing back then," said Virginia Korf, alluding to the dangers of war and the sense of urgency that drove many to tie the knot. "So many were being killed. We lost so many boys."

Married school girls were one thing, pregnant students another, however. They were

considered a distraction, and the principal told Korf he had no choice but to excuse her from school.

Korf took the turn of events in stride, and lived a full life in the years since then.

She and Jim have six children, all graduates of Ingalls High School and a bounty of grandchildren and great-grandchildren. And she worked over the years as a beautician, florist and flea shop operator.

Still, there was the ache of not having graduated.

"I always felt I had deserved it," Korf said. "I had worked for it, and I deserved it."

Her children took note and started plotting.

Generations of Korfs along with friends and even a few members of the Class of 1945 attended, and Korf was hustled to the Ingalls High School gym on a pretext.

There, four days from her 80th birthday, she donned a cap and gown, complete with tassle, and finally made the trip across the stage. She even tossed her cap in the air.

"It's unbelievable," she said. "I am going to keep it... love it and cherish it."

Campus crime, a year in review

By Zerleena Khan
Statesman Staff Reporter

During the first few weeks of the new semester the UMD campus police have been busy.

Alcohol Violations

In the last three weeks, 56 underage alcohol consumption tickets have been issued, of which 13 people have been taken to detox and two were hospitalized due to severe intoxication, according to Sgt. Timothy Legarde.

RA Assault

Last Thursday, at 11:45 p.m., four students under 18 years of age were given juvenile underage alcohol consumption tickets.

One of them, a female Griggs Hall resident, assaulted a male resident advisor (RA), accounted Sgt. Legarde.

"The RA was in the boy's bathroom on 4th floor of Lake Superior Hall, when the drunken girl walked in to the bathroom," said Sgt. Legarde.

When confronted, she punched him six-to-seven times. The RA called the police, whom she resisted, trying to avoid being arrested, he added.

Year in Review

End of the year crime statistics of 2006 show an increase from 2005 in underage alcohol consumption, students sent to detox and the number of DWI's issued.

A 15 percent rise in underage alcohol consumption was recorded with 260 citations being issued since 2005.

On the other hand, car prowls, which are combined efforts of UMD students and outsiders causing criminal damage to property, have been low with the recent installation of cameras in the parking lot, according to Lt. Anne Peterson.

"Citations are issued in residence halls and sometimes even to visitors," said Lt. Peterson.

UMD Police Department recorded 37 people taken to

detox over the last year, 42 percent more than the year before.

In emergency circumstances where students are hospitalized due to dangerous levels of alcohol intoxication, parents are informed.

This is a new administrative program introduced to counteract student drinking problem.

"It creates awareness and parents especially have been supportive of the program," said Lt. Peterson.

Nine DWI's were issued last fall, a marginal increase from fall 2005. In a few cases, the UMD Police patrolled outside university premises to encounter unlawful student behavior like reckless driving, said Sgt. Legarde.

Although no significant changes were seen in thefts, the police requested students to protect their valuables and not leave laptops unattended, in particular.

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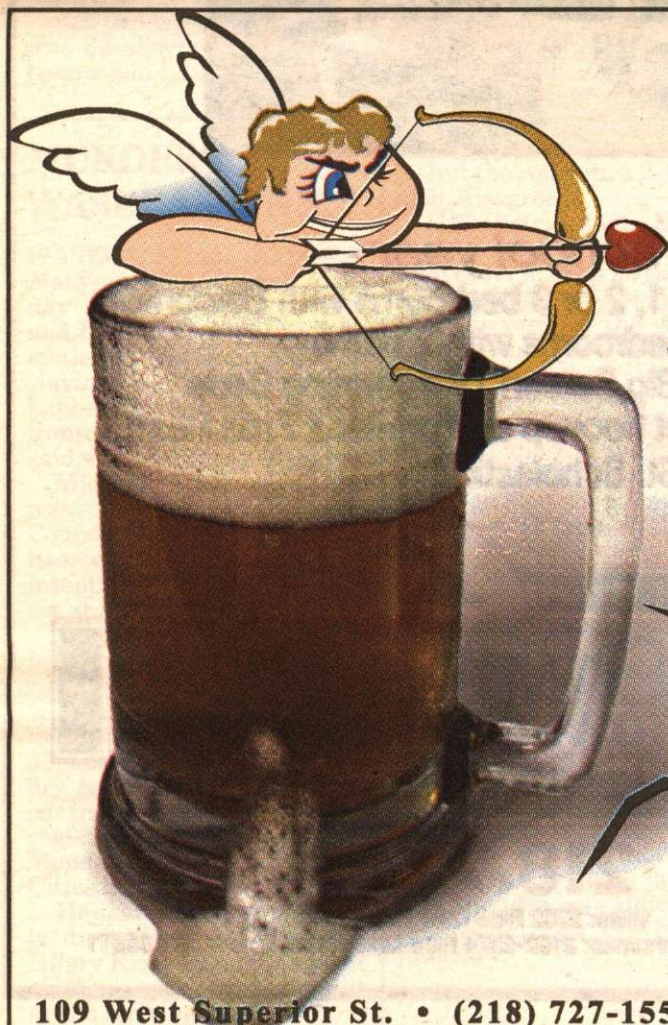
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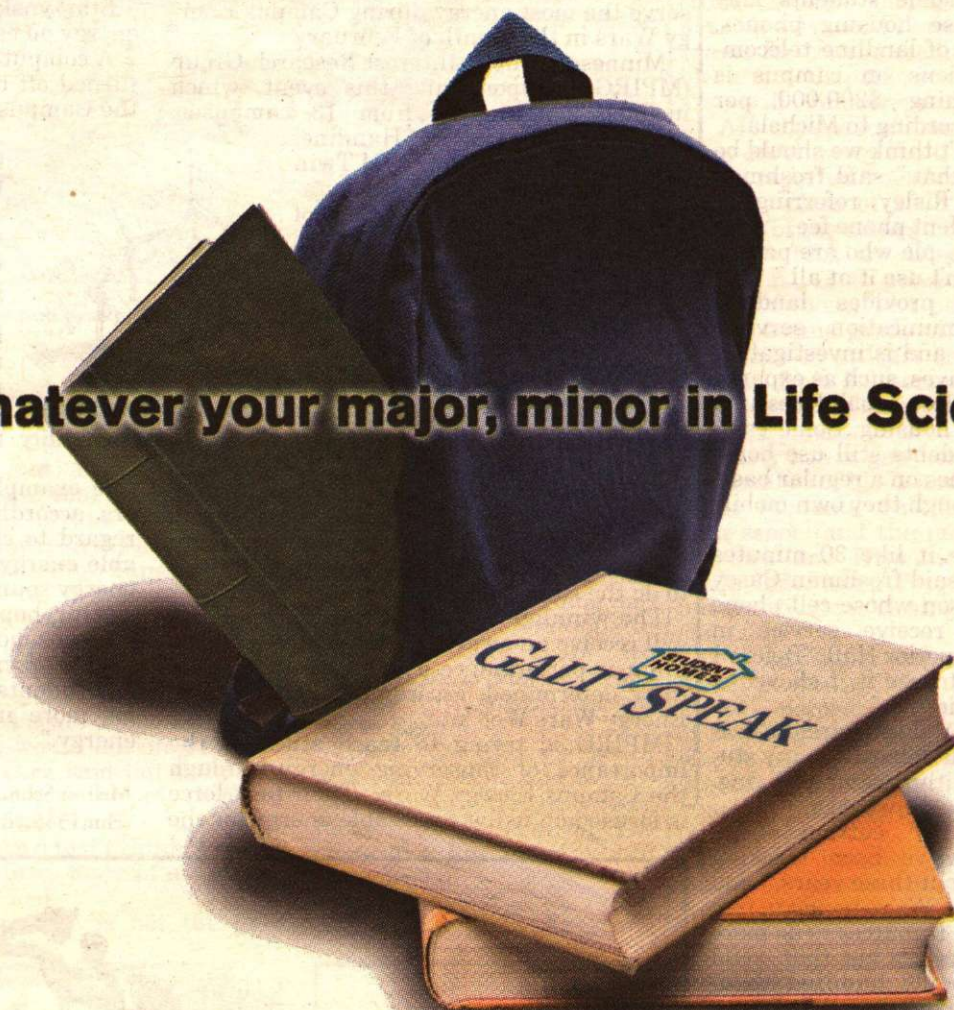
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Answering the call of old technology

By Joel Runck

Statesman Staff Reporter

If you live on-campus, do you use the phone in your apartment or dorm for everyday calling? Most students say they don't and that has some people wondering if it's worth the cost.

UMD Housing conducts an annual survey of campus residents, and one of the questions in this survey asks how often each resident uses the phone. With 21st century wireless technology, landlines are becoming less preferred by students.

"Our figures show 25 percent (of residents) use the room phone somewhat," said John Weiske, director of UMD Housing.

"Does that mean 10 times a semester? We don't know." The other 75 percent of residents report "seldom" or "no" usage, according to Weiske.

"I never use it all," said freshman Lance Groettum referring to his Griggs dorm phone.

"My roommate uses it when his girlfriend calls him."

Regardless of how outdated housing phones may seem, they still do serve a significant security purpose, according to Weiske.

"The basic reason we still have the landline phones is for safety," said Weiske "If a 911 call needs to be made by someone, it can be readily located by (emergency services) where that call is coming from."

Joe Michela, director of UMD Auxiliary Services, acknowledges that most campus residents do not use university and that he has encountered instances in which campus residents didn't even know they had a phone. However, Michela explained that UMD does not want to jeopardize student safety.

"The university is so worried in a mass housing situation about a 911 situation," he said. "All students are covered. I guess one way you could do it eventually is like you do with computers require every student to have a cell phone."

Each campus resident pays \$10.60 per month for the use of a university phone. This fee covers the cost of the phone port, service and rental for university phones. Even

though some students may never use housing phones, the cost of landline telecommunications on campus is approaching \$200,000 per year, according to Michela.

"I don't think we should be paying that," said freshman Melvin Risley referring to the resident phone fee. "A lot of the people who are paying for it don't use it at all."

ITSS provides landline telecommunication services to UMD and is investigating alternatives, such as expanding wireless capabilities into campus housing. Some campus residents still use housing phones on a regular basis even though they own mobile phones.

"I use it like 30 minutes a day," said freshman Casey Gunderson whose cell phone doesn't receive service in Lake Superior Hall. "Before I needed to use it, I shoved it under the bed."

Even though wireless features could benefit many students within campus living, there are drawbacks.

"It's a cutting edge issue...we've been tracking it for about three years," said Michela. "We're trying to free up some resources to do more with wireless but that could be a couple hundred thousand (dollars) or more per building."

Weiske said that UMD Housing has not ruled out the possibility of using older technology to solve a modern problem.

"When I started college there were hall phones," he said. "We could potentially look at providing those in public areas."

While Weiske explained that UMD needs to explore more of the capabilities with cell phones and wireless technology, Michela denoted that there are opportunity costs to every alternative.

"I lived in Griggs Hall when I was a freshman and the only phone we had was in the middle of the hall," he said. "The same guy got the call at 7 every morning from his girlfriend...but he never answered the phone. So hall phones I've had experiences with and are not fun unless you're getting the call."

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A computer uses up to 10 watts when it is turned off but still plugged in, according to the Campus Energy Wars Xanga site.

All appliances use energy when they are plugged in, regardless of whether they are turned on. By simply unplugging items not in use, students can literally "pull the plug" on energy consumption, according to the Xanga site.

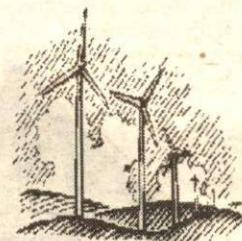
Energy is also conserved by bundling up and turning down the heat in the dorms and apartments, as well as taking shorter showers and air drying laundry after washing it.

Universities can provide a positive example by being environmental leaders, according to the MPIRG Web site, with regard to creating awareness about renewable energy and campus sustainability with energy sources.

"Our hope is that the UMD community becomes more conscious of electricity usage," said Starzynski.

"Students can visit the MPIRG Web site for more information on how to conserve energy."

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Construction and classes don't mix

By Jen Draz
Statesman Staff Reporter

The two big construction projects going on at UMD are not expected to be done until this summer, noise from power tools is to be expected to continue throughout the semester.

John Rashid, assistant director and manager of construction and operations, said that construction workers work an eight-hour day somewhere in between 7 a.m. and 5 p.m.

"We try to coordinate noisy operations with classes," said Rashid. "It's tough to coordinate and not make noise all day long."

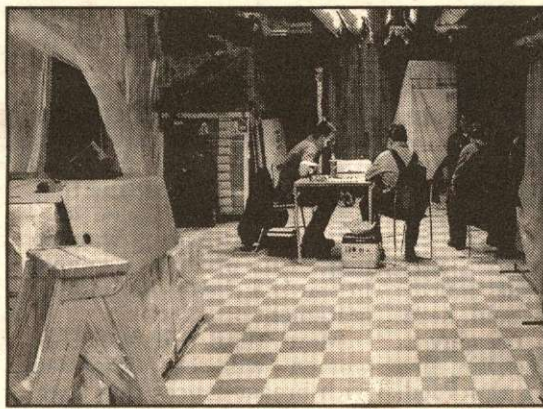
Avoiding most classes and working on construction just over the summer is not an option, according to Rashid.

"Over the summer is our busiest time," said Rashid. "It would be impossible to do the projects just over a summer."

Senior Laura Mans is back in forth between Humanities and the Marshall Performing Arts Center (MPAC) and said that the noise is irritating.

"When they started taking off the flooring it smelled and the noise was really annoying," said Mans.

The big lecture hall on campus, Bohannon 90, is right in



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Construction workers on lunch break in Bohannon.

the middle of the construction.

Ryan Goei, a communication professor, has a class in there on Monday, Wednesday and Friday mornings and said that it can be tough to concentrate.

"They're in the hallway next to the room banging trash cans or whatever they're doing," said Goei. "The noise cuts my thoughts short, and it probably happens once or twice a day; it shuts me off."

On a scale of one to 10, the noise would fall on a four or five, Goei said but daily lectures aren't the only thing on his mind.

"With a test I think it would be a little more of an issue," said Goei.

The noise is not the only

thing that affects student and staff life on campus. The detours are also an issue because of hallways being blocked off due to the construction.

"When Bohannon was blocked off, it was annoying because it took longer to get to the food court," said Mans.

When all the construction is said and done, the final outcome is worth all the headaches, according to Goei.

"In the big picture, the construction is OK," said Goei. "It's for the greater good of the U."

After all the construction that is currently going on, depending on funding, in February 2008, there are plans to make the additions to Voss Kovach Hall, according to Rashid.

"We do the best we can to avoid the people and noise," said Rashid. "We are pretty lucky with all the money the chancellor has brought into the school."

Increase of students enrolled in AP courses

CHICAGO (AP) — A record number of Illinois high school students are taking and passing Advanced Placement exams for college credit, but black and Hispanic students are still underrepresented in AP classes compared to their enrollment, the College Board reported Tuesday.

In the class of 2006, 21.7 percent of the state's 120,885 students took an AP exam, up from 13.4 percent in 2000. Of those, 15.1 percent got a passing grade of three or higher on at least one AP test, up from 9.9 percent six years earlier. The exams are scored from one to five.

Illinois has a gap between the number of black and Hispanic students enrolled in high school and the number of black and Hispanic students that take AP courses, but the divide is closing, officials said.

The biggest gap was among black students, who made up 13.6 percent of the class of 2006 but only 8.4 percent of AP test-takers. Hispanic students were 12.3 percent of students but 11.2 percent of test-takers.

However, Illinois' gap has narrowed in the past few years, said Illinois State

Board of Education spokeswoman Andrea Preston.

For the class of 2004, just 6.4 percent of AP test-takers were black and 9.9 percent were Hispanic, Preston said.

"We've made gains, the gap is closing," Preston said. "More and more students are participating, and participating in higher level AP classes."

Asian students are overrepresented in AP classes compared with their enrollment in Illinois, said Trevor Packer, the College Board's executive director for AP. Asian students were 4.9 percent of the class of 2006 and made up 11 percent of test-takers.

White students were 68.5 percent of the overall population and 64.3 percent of test-takers, Packer said. The remaining students were classified as "other."

Despite the improvement there was still a "significant pattern" of lower representation for black students in Illinois, said Daria Hall, spokeswoman for The Education Trust, a Washington-based advocacy group for low-income and minority students.

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Credit union closing New breast cancer test available

By Melissa Schmidt
Statesman Staff Reporter

A recent merger of the University of Minnesota Federal Credit Union and the U.S. Federal Credit Union will create changes for faculty and students who currently use the on-campus credit union.

The current on-campus location is expected to eventually shutdown but the time frame is still unclear, which depends on how long it's able to stay profitable, according to U.S. Federal administrators.

Student organizations may or may not be able to continue their membership in the credit union under this charter when the on-campus location closes.

Many student organizations have accounts with the U of M Federal Credit Union, and it is not certain as to whether they would need to take their business elsewhere. The Women in Science and Engineering club is just one organization that will be affected.

"I think the closing of the credit union will make it a problem for where we would store our money," said Kelly Reibel of Women in Science and Engineering.

Darrell Anderson, the senior lab services coordinator at UMD, was not pleased to hear about these developments.

"We're really unhappy," he said. "We feel like we've been hung out to dry."

In a conference call meeting with the board of administration including: Chairman William Brooks Jr., Vice Chairman Gary Rippie, Secretary Jack Titus, Roger Atlier and Greg Lonsky of the U.S. Federal Credit Union, the reason given for the merger was simple: the U of M Credit Union couldn't keep up with the cost of technology and other costs of running a credit union.

Without the possibility of new membership in Duluth,

the closing of the on-campus branch of the credit union is imminent, according to Kelly. As the existing membership dwindles over time, people will be forced to look for another credit union location.

"We'll have it as long as it's a good business decision in Duluth," said vice president of marketing and business development at U.S. Federal Marty Kelly.

The UMD credit union currently has between 800-900 members, according to Kelly.

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-Darrell Anderson, UMD senior lab services coordinator

This number will steadily decrease with the approval of the merger, because U.S. Federal is unable to recruit any new members in Duluth, including students at UMD.

"To a student, particularly a student on a budget, doing business with a credit union simply makes good financial sense," said Kelly.

However, there won't be many student customers for the incoming credit union to serve under this new charter, he said.

U.S. Federal did give one exception. Under their community charter, students at UMD who have a primary or permanent residence in seven counties surrounding the Metro area (Anoka, Carver, Dakota, Hennepin, Ramsey, Scott and Washington) are still eligible for membership in Duluth.

"I would go further and even encourage those UMD students that do not qualify for U.S. Federal membership to seek another credit union where they are eligible," he said.

U.S. Federal would like to "keep the on-campus branch open for as long as possible," but that may not be as long as some people would like, said Kelly.

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WASHINGTON (AP) — Women with early stage breast cancer may soon get another gene test to help predict whether they'll relapse in five or 10 years, information that could influence how aggressively they fight the initial tumor.

The MammaPrint test isn't the nation's first such predictor for breast cancer a competitor has sold here since 2004 but on Tuesday it became the first to win formal approval from the Food and Drug Administration.

The test is far from perfect, warned FDA's Dr. Steven Gutman.

Indeed, the MammaPrint is much better at predicting who isn't likely to relapse than who is, Gutman said. He cited studies suggesting that when the MammaPrint predicts a woman is at high risk of cancer returning in five years, it will be right just a quarter of the time. That compares with 95 percent accuracy if the woman is told she's at low risk of a relapse.

"This information has to be used very carefully by physicians," Gutman said. "This is a complex test. It requires use by people who know their

business."

MammaPrint already sells in Europe, but it's unclear how soon sales here would begin. A U.S. spokesman for the Dutch manufacturer, Amsterdam-based Agendia, said he didn't know, and that a U.S. price hadn't been set.

"We are exploring ways to make this product available in the U.S.," said a company statement.

More than 178,000 U.S. women will be diagnosed with breast cancer this year. More than 100,000 of them will have early stage tumors with a remarkably good prognosis: They're small, they haven't yet spread to the lymph nodes and they're sensitive to hormones.

The vast majority of those women would survive with surgery, radiation and hormone treatment. Yet guidelines today recommend chemotherapy as well for most to catch the few two or three out of every 100 patients who need more aggressive help to try to prevent a recurrence years later.

Gene testing can help doctors and patients winnow out who's most likely to need the chemo from who might gam-

ble on skipping it. For about two years, a growing number of breast cancer specialists have begun doing just that, mostly using a \$3,000 gene test called Oncotype DX.

But until now, the FDA hasn't required formal approval of that testing, allowing sales instead as doctor-ordered services that laboratories provide, Gutman said.

Tuesday's approval doesn't mean the MammaPrint works better than what's already used, just that its maker sought formal FDA review and approval. The agency now is debating whether existing gene-predictor tests need similar oversight, Gutman said.

How does MammaPrint work? It analyzes the level of activity of 70 genes in a sample of the woman's surgically removed tumor, and provides a numerical ranking. Women ranked as high-risk have about twice the likelihood of a relapse in the next five to 10 years as women who are ranked low-risk, Gutman said.

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Child porn ring found in Austria

VIENNA, Austria (AP) — Austrian authorities said Wednesday they have uncovered a major international child pornography ring involving more than 2,360 suspects from 77 countries, including hundreds in the United States, who paid to view videos of young children being sexually abused.

The children were under the age of 14 and screams could be heard, said Harald Gremel, an Austrian police expert on Internet crime who headed the investigation.

Interior Minister Guenther Platter said the FBI was investigating about 600 of the suspects in the United States. German authorities were following leads on another 400 people, France was looking into about 100 others, and at least 23 suspects were Austrians, he said.

Platter said videos downloaded from the Internet and seized by Austria's Federal Criminal Investigations Bureau included images that showed "the worst kind of child sexual abuse."

Gremel said "girls could be seen being raped, and you could also hear screams." Although officials initially said the children ranged in ages from "0 to 14," Gremel later said no infants were seen in the videos.

No Austrian suspects were yet in custody, authorities said, adding that they shared their information with law enforcement in other countries in hopes that suspects could be investigated and charged.

Gremel said he could not provide details about investigations outside Austria, but noted that cooperation with Russian authorities had intensified over the past two weeks.

The investigation began in July when a man working for a Vienna-based Internet file hosting service approached authorities at the Interior Ministry to say he noticed the pornographic material during a routine check, Gremel said.

The man blocked access to the videos while recording the I.P. addresses of people who continued to try to download the material, and gave the details to authorities. Neither the man nor the Vienna company were identified, and police said neither was implicated in the case.

Within a 24-hour period, investigators recorded more than 8,000 hits from 2,361 computer I.P. addresses in 77 countries ranging from Algeria to South Africa, Gremel told reporters.

The videos were posted on a Russian Web site, and users had to pay \$89 to access the material, Gremel said.

He said investigators believed the videos, which included images of girls and boys up to age 14, were made in Eastern Europe and uploaded to the site from somewhere in Britain.

Germany had the largest single number of suspects in Europe, Gremel said.

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young male who lived in Owatonna, using the name of a younger brother whose older sister he was friends with in high school, said the report.

During their multiple conversations Birk sent McLaughlin photos of nude men and one photo believed to be child pornography, according to the report.

During the search of Birk's room, they confiscated a laptop, printer, numerous dvd-r's and cd-r's, ipod and digital camera, according to the report.

When *The Statesman* reached Birk, he declined to comment on the recent charges. He also declined to comment on his current status at UMD.

If the case has been deferred to the University Conduct Code, it will be just like any

other case, Kathy Skelton the UMD Conduct Code Coordinator said.

"The new changes to the conduct code don't play into this at all," she said.

The most severe punishment that the conduct code can enforce is either suspension or permanent expulsion, Skelton said.

Susan B. Latto of the UMD University Relations' Office had no comment for *The Statesman* saying that the pending case has nothing to do with the University.

The attorney prosecuting this case is Gary Bjorklund, of the St. Louis County Attorney's Office. He couldn't comment on the pending case, but told *The Statesman* that the next hearing for Birk will be Feb. 20.

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MEMORIAL

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the ski hill at Chester Bowl, which people technically aren't supposed to do.

The toboggan flew straight down the ski hill, hit two jumps and sent everyone catapulting outward. Thiel ended up breaking his L-1 vertebrae.

"It's still hard to sit down," he said.

Hartmann spent his last day surrounded by people who loved him, DeGoey said. That morning, he had breakfast with Weber, who was in town visiting. That evening, Hartmann went out to Grandma's with Thiel and Holland.

"I'm glad that his last night was one that was comfortable and familiar, and with everybody," DeGoey said.

Thiel doesn't remember how it happened, but the three got separated at Grandma's. He thought that Hartmann was probably walking home when he was hit on I-35 near Third Avenue West, because their

house was on Fourth Avenue West.

According to the complaint record from the St. Louis County District Court, officers found Hartmann's body after 2 a.m. on Feb. 12, 2006. The driver, Robert Leheureux, left the scene, and later told police he had thought he'd hit a deer.

There will be an omnibus trial on March 7 at 3 p.m. to address any constitutional issues in the case, which is still in the pretrial stage. Leheureux may be charged for a hit-and-run and possession of a firearm by a felon.

For the memorial, there will be a church service on Saturday in Norwood Young America at 5 p.m., and other plans are in progress. E-mail Thiel at thie0193@d.umn.edu for information about the memorial. There is a group on Facebook.com called "In Loving Memory of Joseph Alan Hartmann."

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ENERGY

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in, according to the Campus Energy Wars Xanga site.

All appliances use energy when they are plugged in, regardless of whether they are turned on. By simply unplugging items not in use, students can literally "pull the plug" on energy consumption, according to the Xanga site.

Energy is also conserved by bundling up and turning down the heat in the dorms and apartments, as well as taking shorter showers and air drying laundry after

washing it.

Universities can provide a positive example by being environmental leaders, according to the MPIRG Web site, with regard to creating awareness about renewable energy and campus sustainability with energy sources.

"Our hope is that the UMD community becomes more conscious of electricity usage," said Starzynski.

"Students can visit the MPIRG Web site for more information on how to conserve energy."

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Our View

"Student Association (UMDSA) is the official voice of the student body. It has the responsibility to advocate student concerns, needs, desires and opinions across campus through the media, administration and committees involved in policy making. The Board of Regents and UMD Administration both recognize UMDSA as the only official voice of the student body."

With such a mission statement, it is clear that UMD's Student Association (SA) plays an important role on campus or at least has the self-acclaimed responsibility and capacity to do such. Faced with the daunting task of representing over 10,000 students, one can wonder how effective SA is and has been. The facts seem to show they haven't been as productive as even they would like.

At the beginning of this school year SA outlined 10 major goals, among them: setting up a textbook rental program, getting the Sports and Health Center hours extended and helping create a student housing district in Duluth. Of those 10 goals, SA has been successful in accomplishing or making significant progress on two or three.

While the textbook rental program, one of the most substantial goals set by SA is making snail-like progress through each academic department, the organization has been successful in

negotiating longer hours in the workout facilities. There has been extremely minimal if any results in creating a student housing district or some of the other 10 goals on the list.

While, there have certainly been other accomplishments, such as bumping up the library's opening hours by 30 minutes and the fairly popular Bulldog Taxi program, it is safe to say SA is moving slow in some areas.

Interest in SA has gone up considerably over the last two years, according to the Student Association office.

With the increased number of bodies comes an increased number of ideas and one would hope, increased performance. More money is being allotted to the organization as well. Last year's \$31,000 budget from the student service fee produced hardly memorable results, and it seems we're on track for another disappointing year despite the increased budget the office has as well.

At just over halfway through the year, SA needs to think about what it can do to salvage the year and possibly reevaluate the process by which it makes goals and sets out to accomplish them. As UMD's "only official voice of the student body," it is important that SA be focused on accomplishing tasks that are both relevant and important to the students they serve.

New bill doesn't fulfill promises

By Brooke Naland
Statesman Staff Writer

Within the first 100 hours of the new House of Representatives, the Democrats, with their new majority in the house, have kept their promise to do something about the expensive cost of college. However, there is a grave difference between doing something and doing something effective.

Without any hearings, committee authorization or in-depth argument on the matter, a bill designed to reduce interest rates on student loans was passed quickly through the House by an overwhelming majority — all 232 Democrats and 124 out of 195 Republicans.

That aside, the details of the decision are this: by gradually lowering the interest on student loans from 6.8 percent (the current rate) to 3.4 percent come July 1, 2011, our Democratic party hopes to, in the words of Colorado Representative Ed Perlmutter, "lower the cost of higher education."

There is a very obvious — and laughable — contradiction in the above statement. The bill does absolutely nothing to lower the cost of tuition! What about students paying for college without the use of any student loans?

It would have absolutely nothing to do with them, as the cost of tuition would stay the same, perhaps even rise!

Also, lowering the interest on loans is not going to change the real problem, which is that tuition costs are rising rapidly.

The reason for the rise in tuition is simple economics. Schools will charge what students can afford to pay, being businesses like any other. Due to the increase of funds going to financial aid and student loan pro-

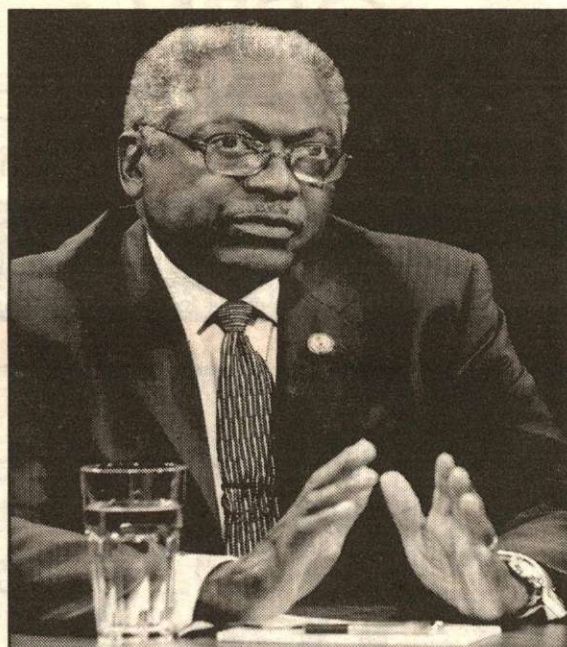
grams, school is more affordable, hence the dramatic increase in costs.

And of course, as the Democrats say, the loan bill is "just the first step" in their program, the next is to raise the maximum Pell Grant from \$4,050 to \$5,100.

If you've been paying attention for this long, you may know what that most likely means: another rise in "the cost of higher education," the very opposite of what the Democrats seem to intend.

It's obvious that it is not a good idea to try to make school more affordable through

dealings with the financial aid and loan programs, but rather, through the schools themselves. Perhaps all the money that would be spent on these bills could be spent on programs designed to keep schools from continuing to raise their tuition so drastically? I don't know much about how the system works, but all that is required here is a basic knowledge of economics and an ability to use logic (both of which should be prerequisites for politicians, by the way).



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Congress, Majority Whip Jim Clyburn, Saturday.

While perhaps well-intentioned, the new bill is one designed as more of a "quick fix," made under the pressure to perform, and of course, to make a good impression for the Democratic party. It's just a shame that, under said pressure, we now have a sham bill going through Congress. Perhaps, had some serious thought and discussion been given to the matter, we could be spending taxpayers dollars on something that really does what it promises.

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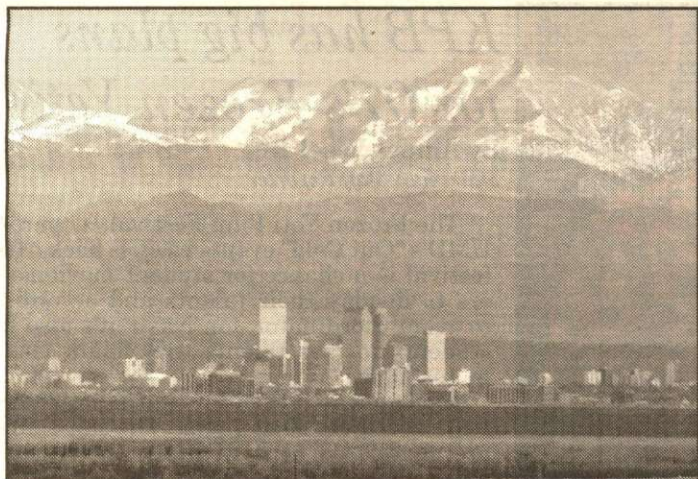
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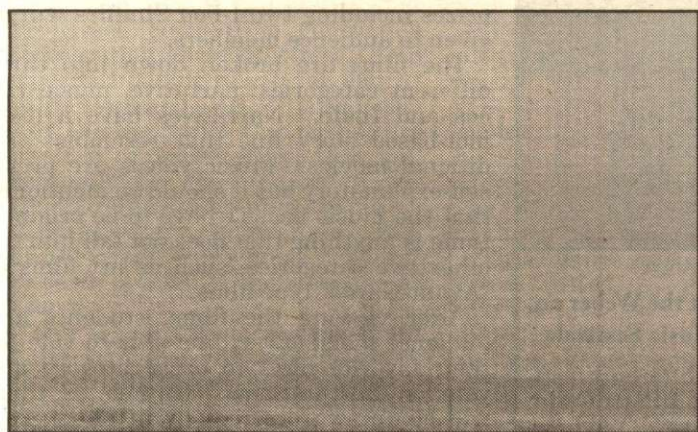
Due to the lack of letters we have an extra opinion article this week in our editorial.

OPINION

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The Denver skyline with the Rocky Mountains in the background, and Cherry Creek Reservoir in the foreground, is seen on a clear morning. Barely visible, bottom, is the same view on a smoggy morning at the same time just two days later.



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Ethanol use indicates progress

By Vlady Messing
Statesman Staff Writer

For a long, grim while it seemed that pessimism controlled our thoughts on global issues. The decisions, actions and dishonest manner by which our government implemented domestic and foreign policies sent many of us into a tailspin of skepticism, distrust and contempt.

Since the dawn of the new millennium, ignorant aristocratic politicians, arrogant, selfish and radical capitalists (not free marketers) controlled center stage while the minority of rational minds in congress bent over backwards, and the majority of us sat back and did nothing except reveal our dissatisfaction to one another in conversation. The people and groups that worked toward rational ends such as the UMD MPIRG organization were marginal pockets of "go-getters."

Yet, as a nation, we are slowly overcoming the wave of pessimism we naturally fell into due to the particular atrocities of the war in Iraq, global warming, poverty, Hurricane Katrina, health insurance and education. Since the Bush administration took office, these issues have composed the face of America's struggle.

But the tides are turning, at least in some respects. The shifting balance in congress several months ago opened the gates toward something better, toward a little more hope.

The great American Frederick Douglas wrote, "without struggle, there is no progress." This single quote represents all of

American and world history—past, present and future. The paradox of humanity is that we are always struggling and thereby always progressing. Slowly but surely, we are overcoming our struggles, and it is seen in a variety of ways throughout our nation.

For instance, last time I was in my hometown of Apple Valley, there was a man pumping ethanol into his car at a gas station that never had an ethanol pump before.

Michael Dell, founder and Chairman of Dell Computers, implemented an environmental policy that will ensure all newly constructed Dell PC's use less energy, thereby reducing carbon emissions.

Last but not least, from the list of things I thought would never, ever happen, the Bush Administration has finally accepted the facts of global warming and taken the initiative to implement policies that will give future generations more hope of living in and breathing clean air. It's about damn time.

In spite of these several examples, however, there remains much to overcome, particularly the war in Iraq—a situation that has the entire world confused, and the people of Iraq awaiting an answer and resolution they greatly deserve.

But, in the end, it is optimism that serves as the means by which things get done, and so I've got to admit it's getting better; it's getting better all the time.

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Corrupt companies just one reason to quit

By Brian Peltier
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Camel, Marlboro, Kool and Newport — all similes to the word stupid. It doesn't take a genius to realize that cigarettes are not a healthy past time, but many ignorantly choose to do it any way. Having been one of them in the past, I feel that this subject is one I should further address, as I have personal experience.

It has been found that big tobacco companies have steadily increased nicotine content for the last few years, without any of us smokers receiving the memo. As a lot of you may not initially be concerned about the topic since you only "smoke when you drink." The reason I bothered to write this article is exactly that.

Nicotine, as most hopefully have been informed, is the most addictive substance in cigarettes. So it stands to reason when it is increased, your potential to become addicted is also increased. Yes, that means when you choose to have a cigarette at next week-end's party, your chances of becoming addicted are increased.

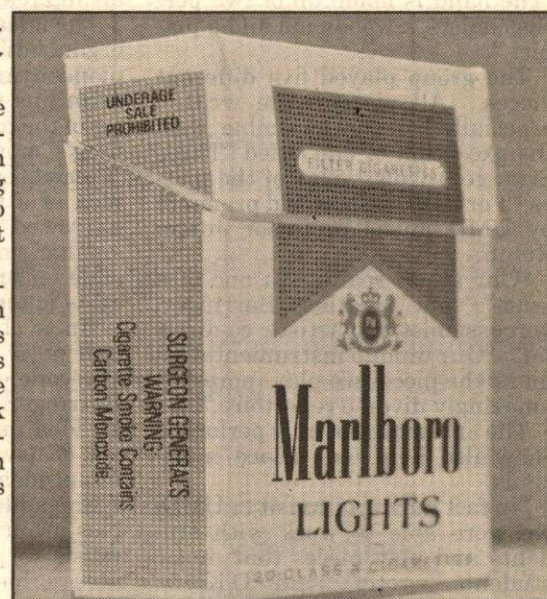
In turn this leads to your disposable income—well, formerly disposable. It's now being spent on your \$4 daily pack which again is now more addictive which means the probability of you being able to quit that nasty little habit that used to be an innocent little social past time is greatly decreasing with every not-so-innocent puff.

These are some of the many consequences of your "innocent" past time. I'm not trying to sound

hypocritical by any means. These are some things most people never take into consideration when they start smoking; the only thing taken into consideration is how to keep the other hand busy in most situations.

I feel that if apparent to anyone, it should be apparent to an educated group of people. It is our time to address these issues before we or our friends take the next drag off that cancer stick because it may mean the difference between a life-long addiction or a non-occupied hand. Thanks and happy breathing.

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Tobacco companies increased nicotine levels in cigarettes by 8.5 percent between 1995 and 2006.

Arts & Entertainment

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Heather Barringer, Zeitgeist percussion member.

Zeitgeist plays good vibes at Weber Hall

By Renae Conrad
Statesman Staff Reporter

The Weber Music Hall was filled Friday night by the unique, contemporary music from the St. Paul-based quartet **REVIEW** called Zeitgeist. They played as part of UMD's 7th Annual New Music Festival; they didn't disappoint.

"We are mostly about new music and new classical music pieces written in the last few years," said Pat O'Keefe, Zeitgeist woodwind. "The band is made up of two percussionists, a woodwind and a pianist."

The group played five different pieces. All pieces were written especially for the ensemble with the exception of one titled "Three Strange Angels." One of the pieces, "For Sol," was a world premiere by UMD music professor Justin Rubin.

"Our group really is a one of a kind," said Heather Barringer, percussionist and artistic co-director. "Our unique instrumentation make the pieces we play represent amazingly diverse repertoire."

The ensemble not only performs, they also help out novice musicians.

"In fact during our visit to UMD, we were able to work with students and play pieces that music students wrote," said O'Keefe. "Playing students' pieces allows students to hear their music come to life."

The group is really about the

celebration of music.

"We often encourage students through song contests in which people send in entries," said

O'Keefe. "Anyone can send in an entry from little kids to grandmas. We've played rap, rock, classical; it really doesn't matter. It's all about creativity."

The ideas behind the Zeitgeist organization originated from music pioneer Arnold Schoenberg who, according to Rubin, was an inventor of the music ensemble. Schoenberg's movement in 1912, called "Pierrot Lunaire," challenged the idea of a traveling orchestra and narrowed instrumentation to a smaller, more economically sensible ensemble, which Rubin suggests made more sense.

"In a chamber ensemble there is a need to know your part and everyone else's part as well," said Barringer. "One person can have an idea and another will come in out of nowhere with a better, different idea; it makes it fun."

She added that chamber ensembles are a very rewarding type of music to perform because it creates a harmony between artists and composers. The group has been together since the early 90's and has performed all over.

"We have been performing for



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Pat O'Keefe, of Zeitgeist, plays bass clarinet at the Weber on Friday night as part of UMD's Annual New Music Festival.

quite a while at different festivals and events," said Patti Cudd, Zeitgeist percussionist. "We have traveled all over the country and abroad and will most likely be traveling to Czech Republic and Switzerland in the near future."

If you missed the New Music Festival and you wish to see Zeitgeist perform, they will be playing Feb. 20-24 at the University of Minnesota Twin Cities campus for the 4th annual Spark Festival of Electric Music.

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KPB has big plans for 07's Frozen Yeti

By Amber Vesel
Statesman Staff Reporter

The Frozen Yeti Film Festival, as part of UMD's "Out Cold" events week is back. The festival is a chance for student filmmakers to display their talents and according to event coordinator Jon Nash, it's also for students to "see talents that fellow classmates have."

You can watch the films in Chem. 200 on Feb. 19 or Feb. 20 at 7 p.m. The same films are showcased each night, so if you can't make it one night you won't miss out. It is a free festival and promo prizes will be handed out. Frozen Yeti's of the past have usually drawn in 200 to 300 students a night. This year, the Kirby Program Board (KPB) hopes to draw even more people than ever, according to Nash. To help assist in this, door prizes including two I-Pod Shuffles will be given to audience members.

The films are broken down into three different categories: narrative, music videos and Indie. Narratives have a more plot-based story line that resembles traditional movies. Music videos are pretty self-explanatory but it should be mentioned that the music doesn't have to be original. Indie is anything that does not fall into the other two categories, such as art films or "Avant-Garde" type films.

After viewing the films, students and audience members will be able to vote for their favorite films in each category and vote for "Best in Show." On Feb. 22, there will be an award ceremony in Chem. 200, that will showcase the winning submissions one more time.

First prize in each category wins a 4 GB I-Pod Nano; second prize is a \$50 gift certificate to UMD stores. The best prize goes to "Best in show," it's a camcorder donated from the bookstore.

Neal Peterson will be making his first submission this year: a music video.

"My film is a music video for a song I wrote and recorded called 'Papercuts,'" said Peterson. "The song is about the perils of relationships, the uncertainty of post-college life and is a subtle tribute to Vincent Van Gogh."

Any types of films are welcome and as long as they pass the KPB's primary judging.

"It's exciting to see the unexpected and diverse creativity that comes out of our campus," said Peterson. "Also, no film is the same and there is plenty of variety for every viewer."

If filmmaking is something that interests you, but you just don't know how, there will be a demonstration on how to use i-movie following the award showing.

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Entertainment Spotlight

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Live a family's history through time

By Renae Conrad
Statesman Staff Reporter

At some point in our lifetime we are forced to examine our past, where we came from, how we got to where we are and where we plan on going in the future. For many people, stories of the past are stories that were passed down verbally through many generations of family. These stories of immigration, struggle and dreams put life into perspective and help us to appreciate the people who came before us.

"The play's meaning is universally significant because it deals with family and the history and stories that are passed down from generation to generation," said Matthew Olson who acts a double role in the play as Phillip Dorn and Carl. "It also focuses on the important things that are forgotten or looked over, that will eventually be forgotten when our grandparents or parents pass on."

Contemporary playwright Steven Dietz, the play's creator, shares the same opinion of the storyline as Olson does.

"This is a story which evolved out of the struggle with circumstance, the caprices or fate, the power of memory and the resilience of faith," said Dietz.

Dietz's play, "Handing Down the Names," takes the story of his

ancestors and illustrates a journey following seven generations. The play follows the family's immigrant experience from Germany through Russia, Ellis Island and the final settlement in the plains of Colorado.

"The play is about family and honoring those who came before us," said Tom Isbell, theater professor and play director. "It is very heartfelt and emotional and the play will make people think about their family, the sacrifices made and maybe even the sacrifices that you will make in the future."

This non-traditional play is dramatic, poetic and simplistic. This means fasts set and quick costume changes.

"There really are no disadvantages to having such a simplistic stage set," said Olson. "The show is really about the characters and actors, and

the story is about people not the set. An advantage to having such a simplistic set is that the stage doesn't detract from the actors. The simplistic set gives you a place where you can play and it is very versatile

because you can switch location. Having such an earthy, simple set makes it so much easier to switch from character to character or place to place."

The talented cast of theater students is comprised of 10 actors playing the roles of 54 people.

"Acting different characters is sometimes a struggle," said Olson. "To change different characters enough but keep them real. It is such a realistic play which makes it very important to keep it simple, but it is still a tough job."

To illustrate a journey spanning 200 years, Isbell had to call upon the talent of many set and crew specialists including

scenic, lighting, sound, costume and makeup. The music of the play is an original score composed by a very young potential UMD student Paul Winchester.

All of these components are essential to help give the illusion of time, space and location. The play exhibits many locations with an evocative set, such as farms and ships by using production elements like wood and actual dirt, according to Isbell.

"This play is beautiful and relevant to all people no matter what walk of life, ethnicity or religion," said Olson. "Because we all have family and we all came from somewhere."

The opening performance of "Handing Down the Names" is tonight at 7:30 p.m.

***This is a re-run of last weeks center spread.

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Tonight is the opening night for UMD's production of "Handing Down the Names."

International Film Series to showcase Golden Globe winning 'Paradise Now'

By Dane Ryan
Statesman Staff Reporter

This Sunday, Feb. 11, at 7:30 p.m. in the Weber Music Hall, "Paradise Now" will show. It's the 3rd installment of this year's International Film Series, which is sponsored by the School of Fine Arts and funds provided by UMD Chancellor Katharine Martin.

"Paradise Now" won the 2005 Golden Globe for "Best Foreign Film" and was nominated for 12 other awards that year, including several Academy Awards.

The movie, a Palestinian

production, profiles two men and what is supposed to be their last two days of their life. Childhood friends who grew up in the volatile West Bank, they planned a suicide bombing in Tel-Aviv. The movie focuses on how young men transform into terrorists because of the Israel-Palestinian conflict and the absolute poverty that surrounds them.

This is a day these men have been preparing for most of their lives, but at the same time they see some of the insanity of these types of acts. The two friends face an impossible decision of wheth-

er to carry out their act or to stop themselves from going any further. When leaving their border town Nablus, Said and Khaled, are separated and left to make their final decision on their own.

The director, Hany Abu-Assad, manages to humanize these people that become suicide terrorists but delicately avoids sympathizing with terrorism. What is good about this film is that gives a perspective into the life of Palestinians and the world that surrounds.

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SUBMISSION

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- Deadline for submission is Feb. 16.
- Submissions must be in playable DVD format.
- Submissions can not run longer 15 minutes.
- Clips can be submitted in the computer corner (UMD bookstore).

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Craig Guntzburger, 13, shows off his autographed broken wrist.

Pro snowboarder 'shreds' at Spirit:

Danny Kass talks about life on the hill

By Luke Kavajecz
Statesman Staff Writer

Danny Kass cruises with style both on and off his snowboard. He's stood on the Olympic podium twice and has pushed halfpipe progression to the edge. When he's not throwing down back-to-back 1080's in the pipe, he's developing new products for Grenade Gloves, a company he and his brother created.

Whether he's competing for X Games gold, throwing powder in the back country with friends or chilling with his dog Big Vern, Kass knows how to have fun. *The Statesman's* Luke Kavajecz caught up with Kass and his friend Dingo last weekend at Spirit Mountain before his "Grenade Strikes Back" event to talk about life as a pro snowboarder.

Statesman: Last weekend you were in Aspen for the X Games, and this weekend you're at snowless Spirit Mountain. How does that feel?

DK: It feels more like winter here. It's pretty much as cold as it gets, I think. And the park is actually really good. We got to check it out last night, and you guys have an amazing set up here, more than we even expected. We're really excited.

Statesman: Is this something that makes being a traveling snowboarder unique?

DK: That's one of the craziest things. I travel about 180 days a year, so I kind of move around a lot. Last week we were in Aspen, this week we're in Duluth, Minn., a place we've never been before, and it's absolutely the coldest place on the planet— this weekend at least. We get to do a lot of traveling and get to see a lot of places you wouldn't get to see.

Statesman: What's the coolest place you've been to ride or just hang?

DK: That's a tough one. We've got it pretty good out in Mammoth Lakes, Ca. Grandma's in Duluth was pretty cool.

Dingo: It's fun to come to places where they don't have big events. You don't get too many pro snowboarders traveling through these kind of areas, so it's always fun to come here and mix in with the kids.

Statesman: Do you prefer free riding and getting shots for the magazine or competing?

DK: Definitely like a medium within the two. Doing competitions and riding in front of fans, there's really not a better feeling you can get out there in snowboarding. But then going in the backcountry and riding with your friends and re-

ally just getting in knee-deep powder and throwing it everywhere— it just gives you that funny feeling.

Statesman: You're known to be pretty chill when it comes to preparing for competition when other riders have routines and are totally focused. What's your strategy?

DK: It depends. You definitely want to prepare for a contest in a certain way. You don't want to stay out late the night before with your friends. You're probably going to want to have a designated driver if you do go out. You got to watch out for peer pressure; there's a lot of partying going on at certain events that you want to stay away from. But mainly it's just kind of stretching, and staying healthy, and being prepared for what you're going to do and setting some goals.

Statesman: Parks, pipes or powder?

DK: Ummm, I'm going to go with pipes this week.

Word Association: What's On Danny's Mind?

Statesman: Dairy Products (Danny's lactose intolerant)

DK: Diarrhea

Statesman: Mammoth

DK: Slushy jumps

Statesman: East Coast

DK: Pizza

Statesman: Grenade

DK: Wild style

Statesman: Girls

DK: Hello ladies

Statesman: Big Vern (Danny's dog)

DK: Nothing but smiles

Statesman: Music

DK: Misfits

Statesman: Summer

DK: Trying to get to the beach

Statesman: Winter

DK: Snowboarding

Statesman: Minnesota

DK: Brrr...



Danny Kass jokes with a cardboard cutout of himself in the Spirit Mt. chalet.



Danny Kass midway through a huge indy air.



Danny Kass, left, lays in the bottom of Spirit's halfpipe after catching an edge while his buddy Dingo heckles him from above.

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Humor

Bumps in the night

By Austin Bowyer
Statesman Staff Writer

There comes a point in every man's life when he reflects upon his life and can only shake his head in disgust. This is one of those times.

I'm laying in bed reading a book. I start getting restless, because "The Life of David Lurie" is not as exciting as I thought it would be. I start looking around my room at all the epic events of the past: photos from my buddy Jim's house with Captain Morgan, a groundbreaking experience. I look up and realize I still have a huge mirror on my ceiling.

My ex-girlfriend and I were into trying new things, and the mirror was probably the greatest addition to our relationship. It single-handedly kept our relationship going for an extra two months, which I am highly grateful for, but now with me being single it's kind of useless, unless I want to spend some time getting to know myself a little better by flipping around my naked body to get a different view of my hardly seen parts. It is a little disturbing just looking at yourself as you lay in bed.

Just my luck, I start hear-



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ing the squeaking springs of my roommate's bed above my room. It starts off slow and quickly begins to intensify, so much in fact that it's drowning out my reading mix of Coldplay and some other over-used alternative bands.

So I go into the living room and flip on MTV to occupy my time since I cannot be in my room with the ruckus going on right above me; plus it's creepy hearing those noises and glancing up only to see a reflection of myself. I am watching "My super sweet sixteen-remixed" so I get my fill of teenagers screaming into the camera "THIS IS DA BEST PARTY EVER!"

The whole time I'm just wishing my parents would have bought me a new BMW for my 16th birthday and had P-Diddy drop by for

an appearance. But instead I got a handful of fishing lures and a skateboard deck, sweet!

As I am living out my fantasy of being a teenager again the show cuts abruptly to a commercial for some crappy phone ring I can get. It's telling me I should text the word: Thug-1 to 42020, and you'll have hottest new beat right on your phone.

Then immediately following that another commercial comes on for games for your phone. Then another for Jokes on your phone. I start getting annoyed. I can't take this any more, go back to the bratty teens!!! I even contemplated going to the fridge even though I wasn't hungry. It was worth the wait, though, because within a minute I was once again immersed into the world of pre-Madonnas. I was at peace.

The moral of the story is that falling asleep on the couch to teenage shindigs is a lot better than staring at a reflection of your lonely self while you hear your roommate getting "busy" with his girlfriend.

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TOPTEN Things I'd Rather Read Than The Duluth Truth

By Ted Norgaard
Statesman Staff Writer

10. Absolutely anything by R.L. Stine
9. An entire book of politically incorrect nursery rhymes
8. Clifford the Big Red Dog
7. *Highlights*, remember it's the magazine from the doctors office with the sweet picture find
6. A new spin on an old classic: 1001 Leagues under the Sea with 500.5 un-attributed quotes and facts
5. Dick Cheney's soon to be released how-to-book "Clubbing and skinning a baby seal"
4. 24 hours of transcribed filibusters from C-SPAN
3. My roommates organic chemistry book
2. "Confessions of an Heiress" by Paris Hilton, ouch
1. "Mein Kampf" Actually I would rather read *The Duluth Truth*, but they both feature what happens when ignorance and publications collide.

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Letters To People

By Eric Simon
Statesman Staff Writer

Dear Bill Keane,
Every time I pick up a newspaper, I immediately flip to the comics section. There's no good news in the rest of the paper, and I refuse to read stuff that's just going to depress me. Anyway your comic "The Family Circus" is placed in a position of prominence in the upper right hand corner.

It is always short and easy to read, but dammit man, you must be setting some sort of record for longest running comic strip that has never been funny. Sure it's adorable, and I bet grandmas world-wide get a kick out of it, but every day I read it, and every day I curse you

for wasting 10 seconds of my time.

Yeah, a dotted line and a kid saying, "I came straight home." That's real funny dumbass. A kid lying to his parents, there's some good morals for you.

I remember once we had a collection of your comic strips in a book sitting on my coffee table, and my dog ate it. My dog, who had never eaten a book before this, ate your comic and turned it into poop. Does that tell you something, Billy?

In closing, there's never been an elephant in your comic. It's not a circus, quit writing it.

Love,
Eric J. Simon

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studentlife

Thursday, February 8, 2007

The frightening truth about HPV

Sex in the
UniverCity
by Mary Callahan

A girl opens a letter from her doctor enclosed with her most recent pap smear results. They are not what she thought; it states that she has abnormal cells. She instantly becomes nervous because she is asked to come in again for an additional screening for Genital Human Papillomavirus (HPV).

HPV is one of the most common sexually transmitted viruses in the U.S. There are about 40 different types of HPV and it is spread through sexual contact. Once contracted, it can cause genital warts and even warts in the upper respiratory tract.

Three out of every four people will get an HPV infection during their lifetime, according to the American College of OB-GYNs. Sexually transmitted HPV can spread through vaginal, anal or oral sex.

Luckily, there is a solution to help prevent this problem. A new vaccine called Gardasil is on the rise and available at many doctors' offices.

It is the only test for HPV approved by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration. Many UMD women are choosing to be vaccinated, according to UMD Health Services representatives.

"I got the vaccine because cervical cancer runs in my family, and I just want to be as careful as possible," said a senior female.

This is the second vaccine to target a sexually transmitted disease (the first being Hepatitis B) and just debuted last year. The vaccine is most effective for women who are not yet sexually active, and it's approved for females 9 to 26 years old. This has caused an uproar for some conservative groups who oppose the vaccine, saying that it might promote sexual activity for young ages. A government advisory panel has recommended

that all girls get the shots at age 11 or 12, before they are more likely to become sexually active, according to an MSNBC article.

This vaccine can protect against four major types of HPV. There are about 15 different strands of HPV that can lead to cervical cancer. But the receiver of the vaccine

can be protected against most genital warts and cases of cervical cancer.

HPV does not just affect women. Most men who have genital HPV do not show symptoms but can get genital warts around the penis and anus.

Certain types of HPV in men have been linked to cancer of the anus and penis but is very rare. There are currently no tests approved to detect early evidence of HPV-associated cancers in men, but there are anal pap tests, according to CDC.

There are many risk factors that increase your chances of HPV.

Some of these may include multiple sex partners, being previously treated for cancer or pre-cancer, HIV infection and a weakened immune system.

The vaccine is given in a three-dose series. As soon as you get the first dose, you wait for two months to get the second. Six months later, you get the third dose. UMD Health Services offers the vaccine for about \$150 a dose; a total of \$450 for all three. Most insurance companies do offer to cover the entire vaccine.

"We encourage all students to call their 1-800 customer service number on the back of their insurance card before scheduling an injection so they are informed about whether their vac-

cination will be covered," said Health Services Nurse Sharon Anderson.

When insurance doesn't cover the shot, students find other alternatives for payment.

"Some parents are choosing to have their students vaccinated and are paying out of pocket," she said.

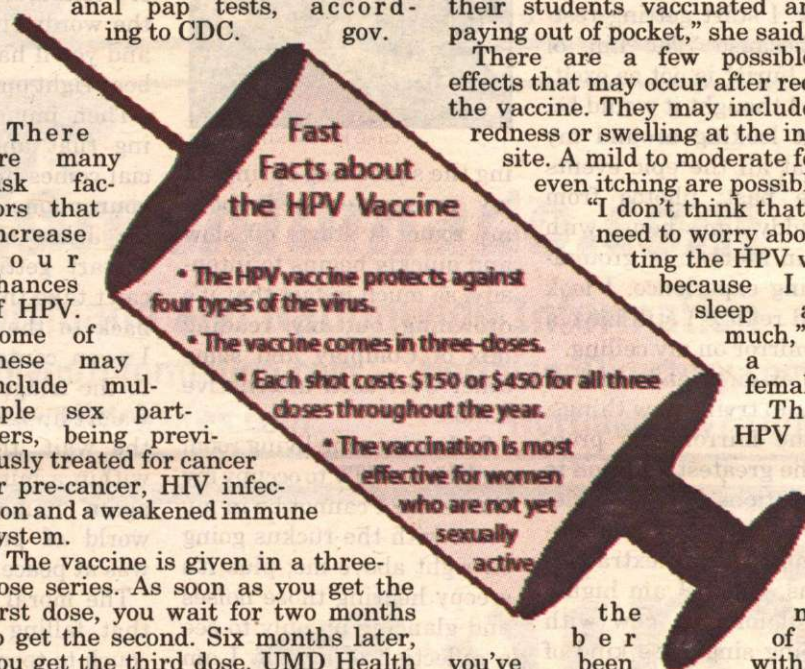
There are a few possible side effects that may occur after receiving the vaccine. They may include pain, redness or swelling at the injection site. A mild to moderate fever or even itching are possible.

"I don't think that I ever need to worry about getting the HPV vaccine because I don't sleep around much," said a senior female.

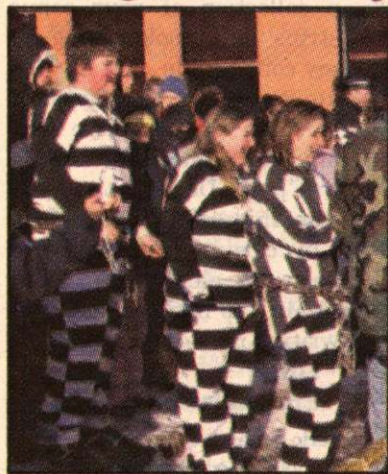
Though, HPV is not

about the number of people you've been with. It could happen to anyone and be passed by anyone. By getting the vaccine, you could become one less life affected by this deadly virus.

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Plungers, temperatures take a dip



Polar Plunge Wrap-Up

- 2007 holds the record number of Duluth plungers: 364.
- The temperature was minus 7 degrees at the time of plunge; with windchill, it was minus 25 degrees.
- The total amount of money raised was approximately \$60,000.
- Polar Plunge participants weren't allowed to jump into Lake Superior due to the below freezing temperature but were instead invited to leap into pools of water taken from the Lake (right).
- (Left to right) Dave Apidz, Becca Apidz and Chris Sheff line-up to take the Polar Plunge (left).

- All information, according to Polar Plunge event coordinator Jason Tanski.

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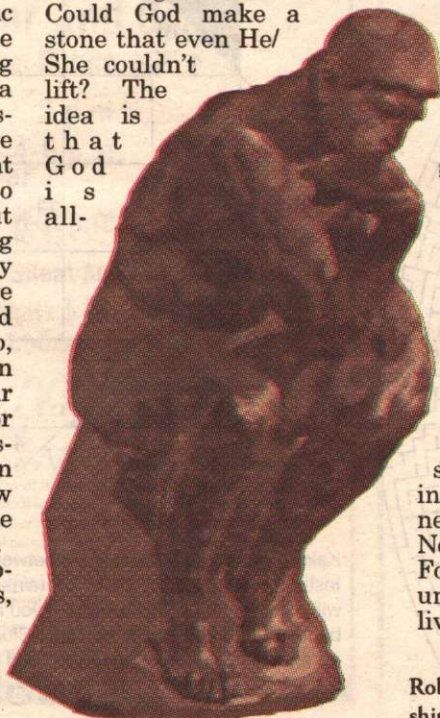
PHILOSOPHER'S CORNER

By Robbie Shipp
Statesman Staff Writer

Greetings and salutations, fellow lovers of wisdom! In the tradition of Socrates, this is the Philosopher's Corner. Here's the scoop: Each column will introduce a topic of philosophical significance (that is, a thought-provoking issue or question), provide a brief background on the history of the issue so you have an idea of what's important and finally pose a question to you, the loyal readers. But that's not where the thinking stops, for the best philosophy is dialectic—an exchange between minds directed toward a common goal. So, I will ask you to join me in the journey. Send me your thoughts on the question or topic, and with your permission, I will include them in the following column. Now that we're all in the same boat, let's wax philosophic...

In the branch of philosophy known as metaphysics, (loosely, metaphysics deals with questions about the fundamental nature of reality, God, existence, etc.) there are many ques-

tions (and not necessarily many answers). One ancient and notable question deals with the concept of God (usually thought to be an all-perfect being). It comes in many variations, but typically goes something like this: Could God make a stone that even He/She couldn't lift? The idea is that God is all-



powerful and therefore is capable of anything imaginable. However if God could create such a stone, then He/She wouldn't be all-powerful—God couldn't lift the stone. But, you may say, God can't make a stone in that way. Well, if God can't make the stone, then He/She isn't all-powerful in that sense either. You can see how it's a tough one—a paradox—and a good one to start with. So what do you think?

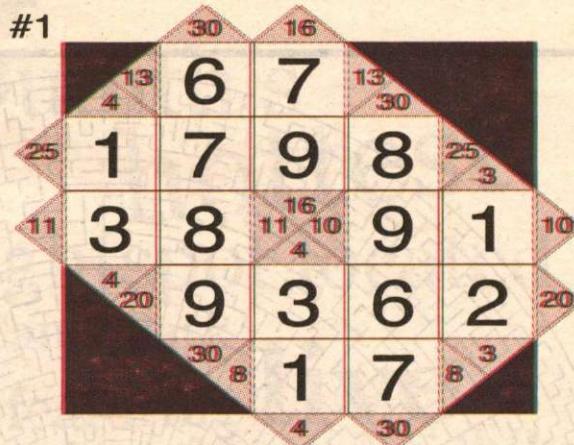
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LIFT?**

E-mail me your thoughts and be sure to mention your year in school and if you mind having it in *The Statesman* the next time the column runs. Now, go! And think freely! For, as Socrates said, "The unexamined life is not worth living."

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Answers

#1



Sudoku #6

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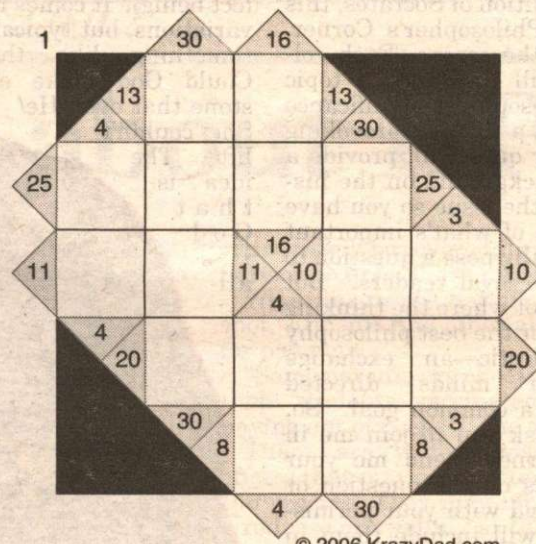
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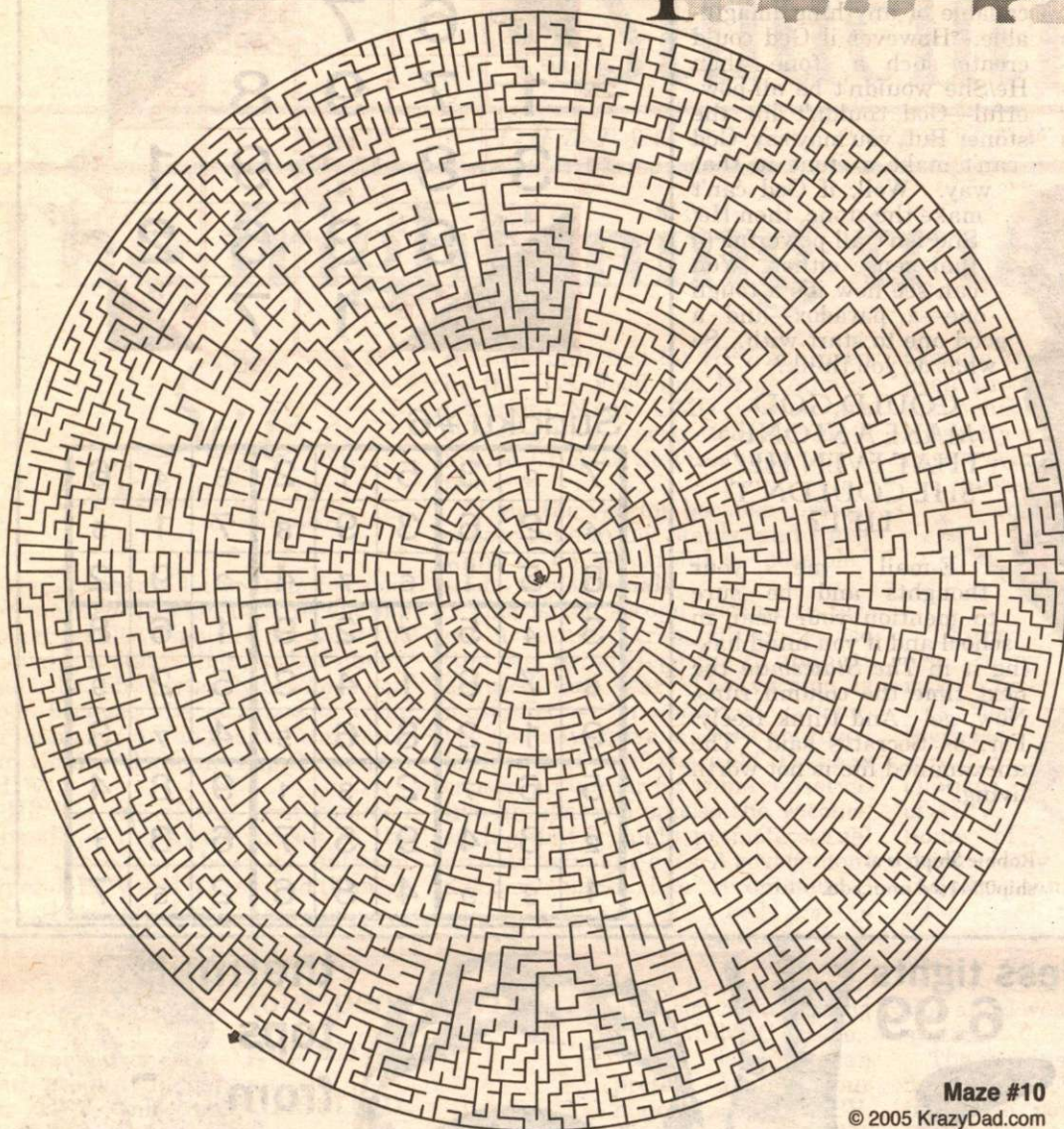
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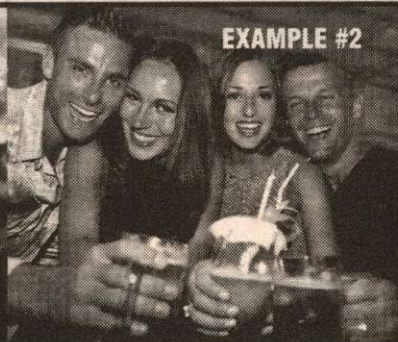
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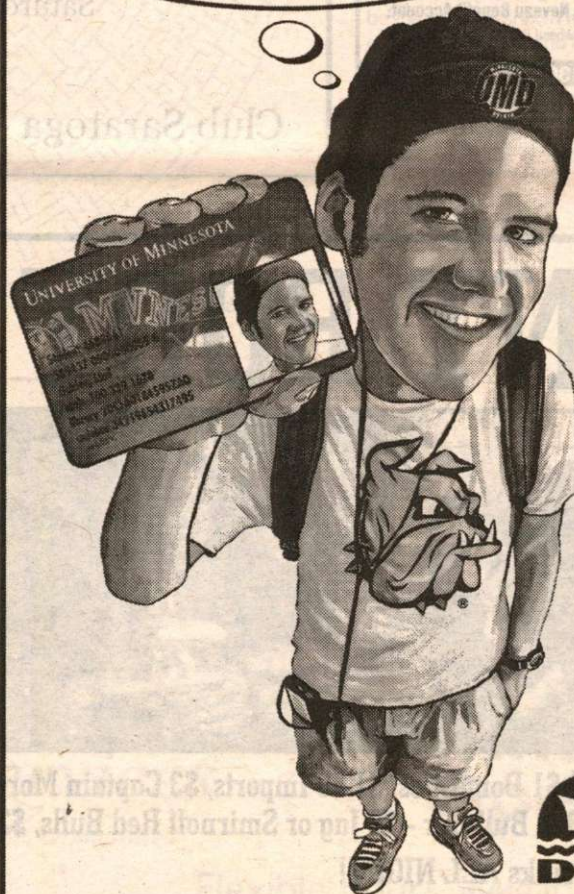
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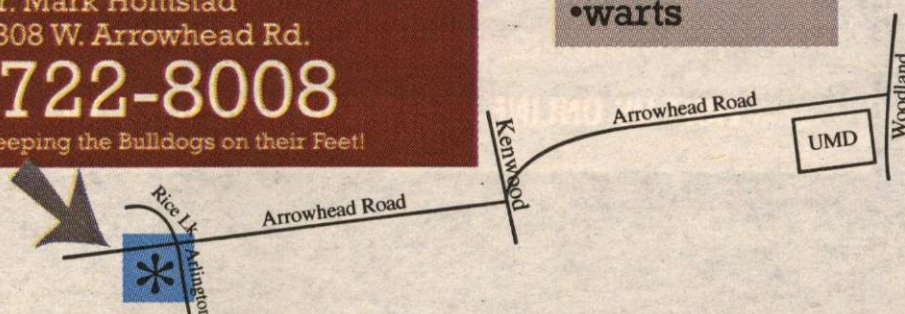
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Upcoming films of the International Film Series: April 15, 2007 at 7:30 pm - "MOTORCYCLE DIARIES"

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February 26 - "Umeå Sweden" - KPlz 311. Mary Dragich lived in Umeå, Sweden for nine months. She and her husband also spent time in Stockholm, Dalarna, and Lapland. Photographs will include the countryside, folk school, and architecture.

LECTURES

January 29 - "Merritt v. John D. Rockefeller" - Rafters. Grant Merritt, grandson of Alfred Merritt, co-discoverer of iron on the Mesabi Range, will relate a series of events that led to the Merritt's landmark lawsuit against John D. Rockefeller. In what is arguably the most sensational court case in St. Louis County, the Merritt brothers lost their case and surrendered their holdings in six mining and iron companies. Grant Merritt, a UMD graduate, is a Twin Cities attorney and the former head of the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency.
February 12 - "Twin Ports Television, the Early Years" - Rafters. Robert "Bob" Ball is among the earliest anchor-men in Twin Ports television. His recollections of the trial and error period, the struggles to overcome considerable technical difficulties and fumbling of management combine to make a fascinating account.

MULTICULTURAL CENTER CALENDAR OF EVENTS

February Black History Month

Thursday, February 8, Film: "Do the Right Thing" KSC 237, 12 Noon. Sponsored by UMD Black Student Association.

Tuesday, February 13, Mandy Carter speaks at 6pm, Coppertop Church (First United Methodist Church) of Duluth. Title: The Religious Right's Anti-Gay Organizing Tactics in Black Churches." Cost: free, Park on East side and enter from east side parking lot. Event held in social hall.

Wednesday, February 14, WRAC Brown Bag, 12:00 Noon in Kirby Student Center 268, Speaker TBA, free
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RESEARCH SHOWS THAT MOST STUDENTS WHO SAY THEY'LL QUIT SMOKING AFTER COLLEGE CAN'T.



Women's Basketball

The Bulldogs suffered their first loss at home last Thursday against the Minnesota State University Mankato Mavericks 59-55.

The Bulldogs had squared off against the Mavs earlier this year on Jan. 4 where they lost in a 71-65 effort.

Prior to the game, UMD had been undefeated at home for the past six games.

The Mavericks looked to end this streak. Mankato came out playing hard and fast going on a 15-5 scoring run that the Bulldogs were never able to recover from in the first half with the score 31-26.

After the break, UMD was able to come back and secure their first lead of the game 34-33.

The Mavericks pushed the pace and left the Bulldogs down by 10.

This "teeter totter" went back and forth with the Bulldogs going on successful scoring runs and the Mavericks would answer right back.

Unable to score in the final minutes, the Bulldogs fell to the Mavericks, ending their win streak at home and are now 0-2 against the Maver-

icks.

UMD was outplayed defensively when the Mavs pulled down 13 more boards than the Dogs.

Leading the Bulldogs were Katie Winkelman and Justine Axtell.

Winkelman scored 17 points and pulled down 10 rebounds for her fourth double-double of the season.

Bulldog Rundown



Axtell racked up 16 points and led the team in steals with five.

On Saturday, the Bulldogs suffered another North Central Conference (NCC) loss to No. 13 Augustana Vikings 61-49 in the Romano Gymnasium.

The Bulldogs were outdone in their own backyard when the Vikings came blazing.

In the first half the Vikings doubled the Bulldogs shooting percentage from the field (68.4 percent-31.3 percent).

Luckily the Bulldogs were able to hit five threes, but

Augustana accomplished the feat with nine fewer shots.

At the end of the half, the Bulldogs were down 35-28.

Winkelman was able to score 11 points in the first half with only three other Bulldogs scoring buckets.

In the second half, Augustana cooled down, but the Bulldogs came out firing.

UMD went on a 12-point scoring run to put them up by four.

Unfortunately that was the last time the Bulldogs were on top.

The Bulldogs lost by 12, which marks their highest deficit at home.

Once again, the Bulldogs were lead by their captains Winkelman and Axtell.

After scoring 11 in the first half, Winkelman could only add two more for 13.

Axtell scored 14 points with 12 coming from beyond the arc. Defensively she pulled down six boards to lead the team.

The Bulldogs are 4-4 in the NCC and 13-9 overall, with only five games left before playoffs. They come back home to play NCC rival Nebraska Omaha on Feb. 22 at 6 p.m.

Jud Turk is at turk0026@d.umn.edu.



LARAMIE CARLSON/STATESMAN

Junior guard Alissa Pauly pulls up for a layup against Augustana on Saturday in the Romano Gymnasium. Pauly led the team with four assists and three steals. UMD is ranked fourth in the NCC.

Photo Correcton:

Photos from the front page of the sports section from the Feb 1. issue were miscredited. The pictures were taken by Jarrod Kintz not Laramie Carlson.

ATTENTION

Next week the *Statesman* sports section will be adding a NEW column: The Intramural Roundup.

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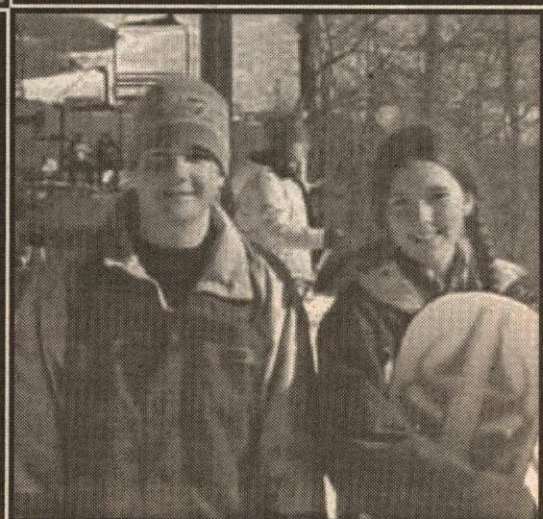
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Hockey team makes push toward playoffs

By Charlene Hudalla
Statesman Staff Reporter

The regular season of the UMD men's hockey team is winding down with four very important games to play. Denver and North Dakota (UND) are two key teams to beat for the Bulldogs.

Their journey began last weekend when the Bulldogs traveled to Denver, Col. to face the No. 3 Pioneers. Last time the Bulldogs played the Pioneers, it was at home and the Bulldogs split the series.

The Bulldogs may be in last place but beating Denver and UND is critical for the playoffs.

"Right now, these are the four most important games

of the year," said sophomore forward Michael Gergen.

The Friday night game of the series ended in a loss for the Bulldogs. The Pioneers came out ahead with a 5-2 victory. Scoring the two goals for UMD were sophomores left wing Andrew Carroll and defenseman Josh Meyers. Carroll's goal came in the second period and Meyers' in the third. Three out of the five goals scored by Denver were on power plays.

Night two of the series was a different story. A

short-handed goal was the first of the game, made by senior right wing Bryan

"From now until the end of the season, every game is important to gain confidence for the playoffs."

-Michael Gergen

McGregor and Mason Raymond with the assist. Denver was able to tie the score in the first period with a goal before the period's end. The second period was full of goals by both teams; UMD scoring three and Denver posting two more to their

score.

Going into the third period, UMD had the lead secured at 4-3 until Denver scored halfway into the period. The game was tied

for about two minutes when McGregor made his second goal of the game, giving the Bulldogs the lead. Meyers and McKnight put away the sixth and final goal for UMD with less than a minute remaining. The Bulldogs walked away with a 6-4 win over No. 3 Denver.

The Bulldogs may not have gotten the two wins they had hoped for, but they still left with a win over Denver and two more important games to prepare for against North Dakota.

The Bulldogs need to prepare themselves for the series in North Dakota on Feb. 16 and 17.

"We need to be good on the power play and penalty kill because at this point in the season a team can be carried by them," said Ger-

gen.

With Denver now tied for the No. 2 ranking after last weekend and UND ranked at No. 5, UMD has quite the challenge to face. Not to mention the fact that UND just beat the No. 1 ranked Minnesota Gophers.

"From now until the end of the season, every game is important to gain confidence for the playoffs," said Gergen.

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Lawsuit filed over death of Vikings' Korey Stringer

COLUMBUS, Ohio (AP) — A federal judge ruled Thursday that Korey Stringer's widow can proceed with her negligence lawsuit against the NFL and equipment maker Riddell Inc. over his heatstroke death.

Kelci Stringer sued the league and Riddell following her husband's death in 2001, claiming the NFL hadn't done enough to insure that equipment used by players protected them from injuries or deaths caused by heat-related illnesses.

Korey Stringer, a 335-pound lineman for the Minnesota Vikings, died from heatstroke after he practiced in the sweltering heat and humidity that pushed his body temperature to 108.8 degrees. He was 27.

Judge John Holschuh dismissed one of the lawsuit's claims, in which Kelci Stringer argued that the NFL didn't set proper guidelines for practicing in the heat.

However, the judge allowed the claim that the league and its subsidiary, NFL Properties, approved equipment that didn't protect players from injury, including heat-related illnesses. The claim argues Riddell's helmets and shoulder pads are not fit for their intended use and act as an insulating blanket, preventing evaporation and heat dissipation.

Bulldogs produce two upsets for their first conference wins

By Eric Johnson
Statesman Staff Reporter

As the calendar changed, so did the luck for the Bulldog men's basketball team.

After losing seven straight games, dating back to Dec. 30, the Bulldogs finally pulled off a win against the No. 4 ranked Minnesota State-Mankato Mavericks on Feb. 1 at Romano Gymnasium.

"It was great breaking the losing streak especially against the number four team in the nation," said senior Bryan Foss on the landmark win. "We know we have the talent. It was just a matter of time before we put it all together."

Prior to the streak, the team had been playing solid basketball with a 9-5 record, and the team hopes this win will get them back to their early season form.

UMD worked for a hard, fought 75-63 win over the Mavericks, trailing only briefly in the first half.

The Bulldogs clung to a tight 39-37 lead at halftime, hoping to hold the lead in the second half, something they have been hard pressed to do as of late.

The game was closely contested into the second half, as the Bulldogs worked on a 52-49 lead with about 10 minutes left in the second half.

From there, the team went on to outscore the Mavericks 23-10, putting the Mavericks out of contention.

The win not only snapped the Bulldogs losing streak, but also a Maverick record 18-game winning streak.

Foss lead the Bulldogs to victory with his sixth double-double of the year, scoring 21 points and pulling down 12 rebounds.

Foss put up another solid performance against Augustana on Saturday as the Bulldogs used their streak snapping momen-

tum to defeat Augustana 63-59.

Foss' performance against these teams helped him net North Central Conference (NCC) player of the week honors but he stressed winning above all.

"It was great to win an individual award like NCC player of the week, but that would not have meant anything if we did not win," said Foss.

The team now hopes these two wins will start a new streak heading into the end of the season.

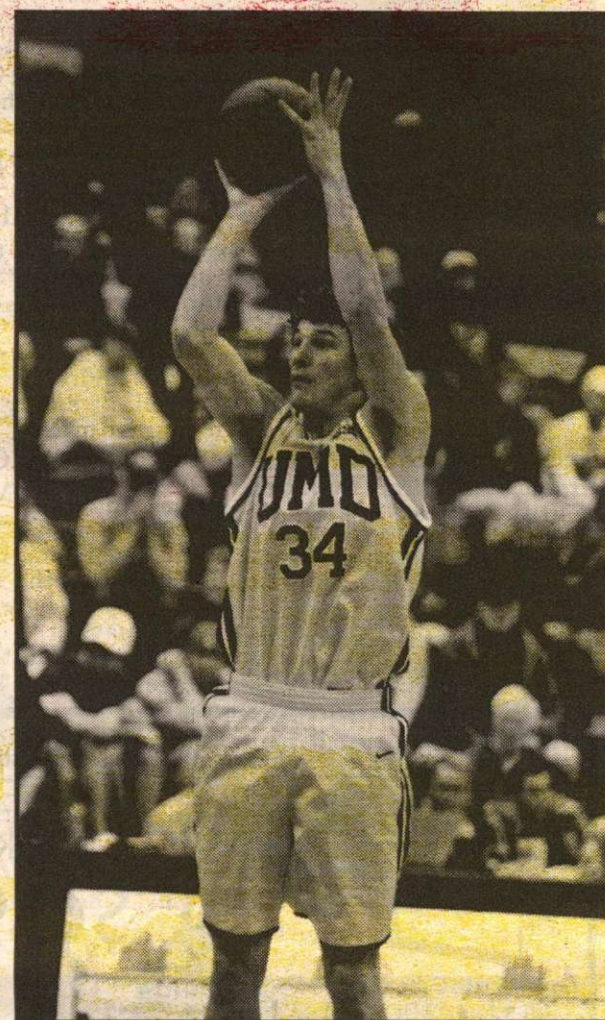
"I think the first win gave us a boost of energy, and confidence we needed to enter the second half of the season... you want to have a team peak at the end of the season when playoffs arrive," Foss said.

With six games left in the regular season, including senior day on Feb. 24, the team hopes they can counter their seven game losing streak, with an impressive six game winning streak.

UMD travels to North Dakota this weekend and returns home on Feb. 22 to take on the University of Nebraska-Omaha in the Romano Gym.

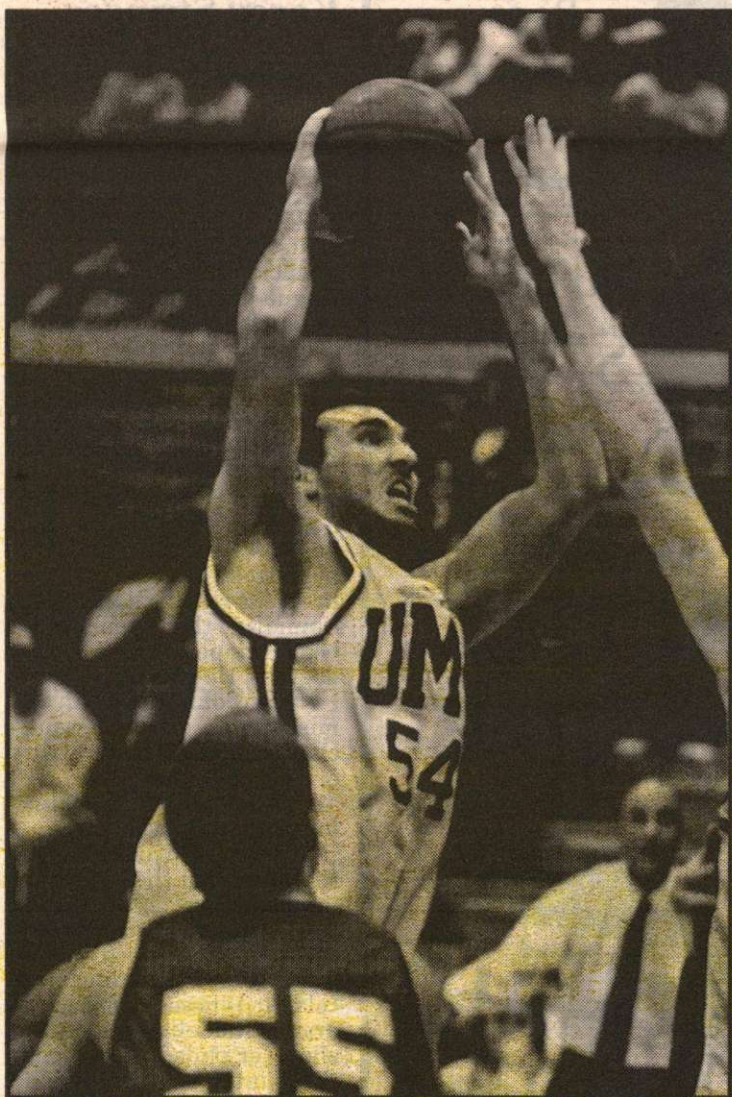
"We know we have the talent. It was just a matter of time before we put it all together."

- Bryan Foss



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Bryan Foss takes a shot from beyond the arc. Foss contributed on defense as well with 11 defensive rebounds.



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Center Matt Rowley works to put a shot against a defender last Thursday when the Bulldogs defeated Minnesota State-Mankato. Rowley went 3-3 from the field and pulled down six rebounds.

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Walters ready to invite another into the jungle

By Tajen Stockdale
Statesman Staff Reporter

UMD alumnus Zach "Jungle Boy" Walters is returning to the ring to fight an unnamed opponent at the "Superior Jungle Rumble" on Feb. 24 at the Mortorelli Gym in Superior, Wis.

Walters' last fight, on Nov. 17 in Minneapolis against Hugo Pineda, ended in a disappointing fashion. Jungle Boy lost by technical knockout (TKO) when referee Mark Nelson ended the fight 2:23 into the fifth round.

"It's tough," said Walters. "It's a strike to my pride and confidence. I step into the ring confident in my skills; it makes me question myself."

Though a loss is often disheartening, Walters understands that he has to bounce back and can look at the loss as a motivator for the future.

"I asked myself what do I need to change; how do I need to train more effectively for the fights," asked Walters.

Walters has been reshaping his boxing style since the loss.

"I've always been a very effective fighter and a fairly effective boxer," said Walters. "I have to keep the fighting mentality but step up the boxing game."

Walters works out throughout the week in the UMD varsity weight room with Justin May of the athletic department. He also works with trainer Chuck Horton on conditioning, maximizing power and counter-

attacking various types of opponents.

Jungle Boy calls the Twin Ports his boxing home and is excited to be back in the ring in Superior to showcase his boxing talent to his hometown crowd.

"Duluth is my hometown," said Walters. "I can't wait to get back up there in front of my fans and show them the new, improved, refined Jungle Boy. They're going to like it."

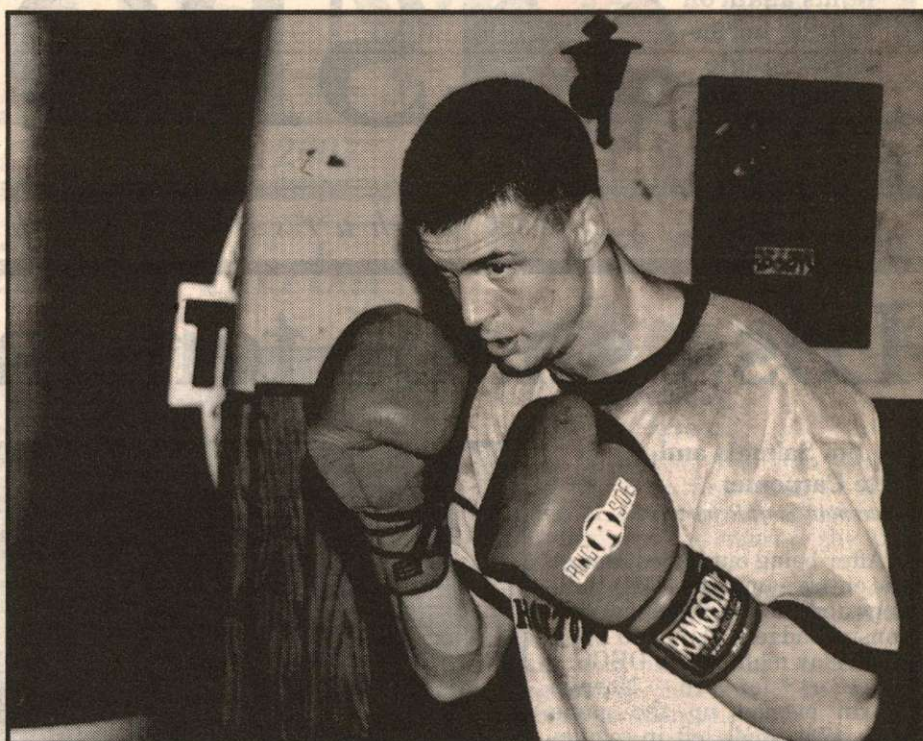
One of the reasons Jungle Boy likes fighting in the Twin Ports is the huge fan base and support he gets from UMD students and alumni.

"The Bulldogs and UMD have backed me and been with me every step of the way," said Walters.

Walters graduated last spring but still spends hours every day on campus training while drawing an increasing fan base from the students.

"I expect a killer turnout of people [for the fight]," said Walters. "It's always fun to look out and see Bulldog sweatshirts in the crowd."

Walters' career record is 15-2 with 11 knockout wins. The first of his two losses came back in April 2004 against Robert Linton. Linton had the advantage in weight and experience. Jungle Boy had the option of calling off the fight because Linton didn't make weight but chose to fight anyway. The loss was obviously disappointing to Walters, but he was able to come back with 10



PETE CARPENTER/STATESMAN

Zach Walters does some bag work at Horton's Gym in West Duluth. Walters utilizes many different training techniques to prepare for his upcoming fights.

consecutive victories, the first five by TKO.

"The first loss brought out the fighter in me," said Walters. "This time, I stepped back and made adjustments on my boxing skills."

Over the last four years, Jungle

Boy has made the Twin Ports a focal point for boxing in Minnesota. He continues to draw huge crowds to his fights while expanding his fan base throughout the upper Midwest. He has always put on a show in front of his home crowd and promises not to disappoint this time around either.

"You're going to see a brand new bag of tricks," said Walters. "God gave me these skills and I'm glad I can share them with the Twin Ports."

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Fight Info:

The "Superior Jungle Rumble" will be Saturday, Feb. 24, at the Mortorelli Gym in Superior, Wis.

Tickets: General admission is \$25 and reserved seating is \$35. VIP seating is available by calling Horton's Gym at 218-310-5200.

Tickets can be purchased at Aces on First, Sir Ben's Tavern on the Lake and Benna Ford in Superior, Wis.

Doors open at 7 p.m., fights start at 8 p.m.

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Loss snaps ten-game streak

By Jim Salmela and
Pete Carpenter
Statesman Staff Reporters

After being outplayed almost the entire game, the UMD Bulldogs and the No. 2 ranked Wisconsin Badgers played to a 1-1 tie Friday night at the DECC.

Senior forward Noemie Marin evened up the game with 47 seconds left in regulation off a rebound in front of the net. Freshmen forwards Elin Holmlöv and Saara Tuominen assisted on the goal. The Bulldogs played without five of their top nine forwards.

"For the last month we've been talking about surviving," said UMD coach Shannon Miller. "With a depleted roster, we're showing that we have heart, character and work ethic. That's what I think is so amazing about our story right now."

Freshman goalie Kim Martin, in her third game back from a knee injury that sidelined her for two months, came up huge for the Bulldogs stopping 32 of 33 shots.

"She (Martin) was a wall tonight," said Marin. "I think she's the reason why we tied tonight."

Wisconsin scored at the 17:57 mark of the first period on a goal by Emily Kranz. Kyla Sanders picked up the assist.

Wisconsin dominated the second and the third period until the final minute when Bulldogs pulled Martin to get the extra skater on. Wisconsin out shot the Bulldogs 33-14.

"It doesn't matter who we play against," said Martin. "We're always fighting and do our best. We got a lot of chemistry on this team."

Saturday night was another shootout between the two teams, but in this game the goalies put on a clinic.

Bulldog's senior goaltender Riitta Schaublin stopped 39 of 41 shots in the 2-1 overtime loss to the Badgers, effectively ending the team's 10 game unbeaten streak. Wisconsin goalie Christine Dufour saved 28 of 29 shots from a still-depleted Bulldog offense.

Junior forward Karine Demeule scored the only goal of the third period to tie the game at one a piece with the visiting Badgers (25-



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1-4). Freshman forward Emannelle Blais and defenseman Heidi Pelttari both assisted on the lone goal at 16:18 in the period.

Wisconsin's Jinelle Zaugg scored the game winner at 2:02 of the extra period on the Badgers' one and only shot.

The Bulldog's are third in the Western Collegiate Hockey Association at 15-6-3 and 16-8-3 overall.

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Two UMD students curl for gold

By Jud Turk
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Almost 10 years ago, UMD student John Shuster watched the Olympic curling trials, and he knew that someday he would like to be at that level.

After competing in the 2006 Olympics in Torino, Shuster not only met his goal but he was a part of the first U.S. curling team to take home a medal. Shuster earned a Bronze medal in 2006 and now has earned a gold at the 2007 Winter World University Games.

Fellow UMD student and teammate Kevin Johnson, helped earned the only gold medal won by the U.S. in the Games.

"Anytime you can win a gold medal for your country it is a huge honor," said Shuster. "It becomes even a bigger honor when your team is the only one."

The team competed against nine other countries including Korea, Japan, China, Czech Republic, Great Britain, Canada, Sweden, Switzerland and Italy.

Team USA curled against Great Britain in the finals where they performed in top fashion, defeating Great Britain 9-4.

All five members of the team are from Minnesota, but they weren't always teammates.

"We grew up playing with and against each other," said Shuster. "Early this fall we decided to play in the World University trials together."

The team realizes their talent and don't expect to quit anytime soon.

"Currently we are one of the top teams in the country so the 2010 Olympics are not out of the question for us," said Shuster.

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Top: Micheala Lanzl (87) looks to put the puck past the University of Wisconsin's goaltender. Noemie Marin (10) looks for the rebound goal. Marin leads the team with 16 goals and 16 assists. **Left:** Kim Martin (30) stops the puck with help from defender Jill Sales (44) and forward Erin Olson (15). Earlier this season in November the Bulldogs split a series with the Badgers, which was similar with two low scoring games.

Upcoming Schedule

Feb. 10 & 11 Away

@ University of North Dakota

Feb. 17 & 18 at Home

University of Minnesota

WCHA playoffs start Feb. 23.